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## CRISIS IN IRAQ

# Report: Assessment shows risk to advisers

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Iraq's security forces are so infiltrated by either Sunni extremist informants or Shiite personnel backed by Iran that any Americans assigned to advise Baghdad's forces could be at risk, The New York Times reported Sunday.

And, the Times wrote, a classified military assessment concludes that just half of Iraq's operational units are capable enough for American commandos to advise them if the White House decides to help roll back the advances made by Sunni militants in northern and western Iraq over the past month.

Adding to the administration's dilemma is the assessment's conclusion that Iraqi forces loyal to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki are now heavily dependent on Shiite militias — many of which were trained in Iran — as well as on advisers from Iran's paramilitary Quds Force.

Shiite militias fought American troops after the United States invaded Iraq and might again present a danger to American advisers. But without an American-led effort to rebuild Iraq's security forces, there may be no hope of reducing the Iraqi government's dependence on those Iranian-backed militias, the Times reported officials as saying.

The assessment, which took two weeks to prepare under the guidance of Army Maj. Gen. Dana Pittard, graded the strengths and weaknesses of units down to the brigade level, examining equipment, ammunition, sectarian makeup, morale, leadership and other indicators.

The assessment has reached the desks of Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey, Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said Monday morning. Hagel had not yet had a chance to review the report, he said.

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Left: John Krusenstjerna in Fallujah, Iraq, in 2004.

Courtesy of John Krusenstjerna

Below: The retired Marine sergeant now owns and operates Iowa CTS Cleaners, a business he built using his experience fighting America's recent wars.

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# CLEANING UP LEAD

## Retired Marine parlays skills learned in Iraq into successful crime-scene cleanup business

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
Stars and Stripes

**J**ohn Krusenstjerna has traded Kevlar and a machine gun for a hazmat suit and respirator, doing something in America's heartland that many veterans struggle to do — making a career out of the skills he learned fighting America's wars.

The retired Marine sergeant has gone from the streets of Fallujah to meth labs in Iowa, from cleaning homes where Muslim extremists murdered Iraqi families to scrubbing crime scenes of blood, body parts and drug residue.

While it may sound gruesome, Krusenstjerna's Iowa CTS Cleaners — a crime-scene cleanup business just outside Des Moines — is booming. He has not only brought the war home with him, but he has found peace and become a driven entrepreneur at a time when Iraq and Afghanistan veterans' unemployment hovers around 10 percent.

"You have a very hard-working mentality when you get out," Krusenstjerna said last month while on the way to clean up a meth lab fire in Cedar Rapids. "You've got to keep that mind-set going. You don't want to lose that sizzle. It's hard to get back when you lose that."

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"We are seeing a lot of pregnant women in Tacloban (Philippines). It is eight months after the typhoon, and without electricity or television, there was a baby boom."

— Cmdr. Steven Romero, a U.S. Navy cardiologist from San Diego, describing the types of things the medics helping out in Tacloban are typically seeing

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## MIDEAST

## US helps defuse Afghan election crisis

By JOSH SMITH  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — After months of sitting on the sideline, hoping to avoid the need for any intervention, American and international officials have become key players in trying to keep Afghanistan's election process on track.

Secretary of State John Kerry spent Friday and Saturday meeting with candidates Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah, as well as President Hamid Karzai, brokering a deal to audit all ballots from the second round of voting to appease concerns of widespread fraud.

The role of the U.S. and other international officials is far from over.

Abdullah, who trails Ghani by 1 million votes in preliminary results, has alleged massive fraud by his opponent, the election commission and Karzai. Abdullah's threat to form his own government prompted a rebuke from Kerry and led to personal intervention by President Barack Obama.

"It was serious enough that it engaged the president of the United States and the secretary of state, and that's not an everyday occurrence," U.S. Ambassador James Cunningham told reporters in Kabul on Monday.

"At the worst, there was a real danger that this process could get out of control," he said. "At best, the talk coming out of both sides was undesirable."

## Not a preferred outcome

Now the crisis that threatened to divide Afghanistan along political and ethnic lines — and to undermine future international aid upon which the country relies — seems to have been defused as both candidates vowed to accept the results and to work together in a new government.

"I think it's safe to say, we would have preferred a more tranquil process," Cunningham said. "It's certainly not our preferred outcome, but given the realities of where the two candidates were ... I think it's safe to say there was mutual agreement on all sides that the way out of the stalemate they were in was to realize that the Afghans themselves couldn't do it because the suspicions on both sides about the various parts of the political process — or the electoral institutions — were so strong that they weren't going to be able to overcome that," he said.

Key to persuading both presidential candidates to accept the results of the election are proposals to audit every single one of the roughly 8 million ballots reported to have been cast in the second round of voting, and a plan to share power through a government of "national unity."

Like many of the choices made in recent years in Afghanistan, the compromise represents the lesser of two evils, said American officials who spent several days with the two campaigns at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul

## Afghanistan election dispute

Afghanistan has yet to elect its next president. No candidate was able to get more than 50 percent of the popular vote in the April 5 election, leading to a June 14 runoff that has been disputed, resulting in an audit.

## Candidates



## April 5 election results

Abdullah: 45.0% Ghani: 31.6% Other: 23.4%

## June 14 runoff preliminary results

Ghani: 56.4% Abdullah: 43.6%  
4,485,888 votes 3,461,639 votes

## July 7

After the release of the runoff results, the United Nations proposes an audit of the votes that could affect the results of more than 3 million ballots.

## Aug. 2

Presidential inauguration

SOURCES: U.S. Department of State, Independent MCT Election Commission of Afghanistan, MCT Photo Service

hammering out the deal.

The audit, the outline of which was proposed by the United Nations, is expected to begin this week.

## Details of the audit

U.N. and other international observers will join officials from the election commission and each campaign in analyzing every ballot box in a bid to overcome the allegations of fraud.

Military forces from NATO's International Security Assistance Force will also join the effort for the first time, using their still massive logistics system to transport ballot boxes from outlying provinces to Kabul for analysis.

"The increased role of ISAF is purely to provide specialized logistics capability to enable the Independent Election Commission to centralize election material in a timely manner," ISAF spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Jennifer Cragg told Stars and Stripes.

"The most important thing to remember is that election materials are moved under strict chain-of-custody requirements, which

includes eyes-on by IEC escorts at all times during the movement," she said.

## A perilous future

Even if the audit goes off without a hitch and a new president is eventually inaugurated, fixing the systemic problems that led to the crisis remains a long-term process.

What form a new government would take has yet to be fully worked out and would likely require a reworking of the constitution to modify the current presidential system and allow for a more parliamentary one.

That process is far from settled, and even Afghan politicians who welcomed the election deal said it leaves a politically perilous future.

"The agreement is great, but it means we're digging a grave for democracy and elections in the country," said Saleh Mohammad Saleh, a member of parliament from Kunar province. "From now on, if a candidate wins, the others won't accept it, and there will be problems."

The still-unspecified proposals of the deal meant the current system failed to live up to it purpose, he said. "Now it means that we haven't done anything in the last 13 years; we start from the beginning again."

Still, Saleh said, the deal represented the most realistic solution under the circumstances.

"The new government does not have any other option than sharing the power, because the situation in the country won't support any other option."

That international intervention to resolve the crisis became necessary was "disappointing but not surprising" given the lingering problems with the Afghan election system, said Kate Clark, country director of the Afghanistan Analysts Network.

"The Afghan options were all used up and had failed," she said. Unlike 2009, when the U.S. was seen as biased, this time American officials have been nonpartisan, Clark said. "It meant that Kerry had the clout and the neutrality."

Some observers feared that the allegations of fraud would be swept under the rug by international officials desperate to maintain stability in Afghanistan, but the comprehensive audit means "if all goes well, we will get an idea of who actually won this election," Clark said.

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## MILITARY

# DOD hoping F-35 can make British air show debut

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are holding out hope that the F-35 can participate in the world's most important air show this week, but no final decision has been made, according to officials.

The aircraft had been scheduled to make an appearance at the Farnborough International Airshow in England on Monday, but the DOD had to cancel because of lingering safety concerns.

"It would have been a wonderful thing to have those airplanes here so the rest of the world could see that it's not a paper airplane, that it's really a technological marvel," Lt. Gen. Christopher Bogdan, the program executive officer for the F-35 program, said at a press conference Monday. "We're not giving up yet."

The air show runs through Sunday. Bogdan said the DOD still has "a few more days left" to get clearance to send the jet to the U.K. in time to participate.

Air show officials had announced that the planes would be there this week, and Naval Air Station Patuxent River officials said on Facebook that four F-35s are scheduled to depart Tuesday en route to the U.K. DOD officials subsequently said the issue has yet to be decided.

The entire F-35 fleet has been grounded since July 3 based on the initial findings from an investigation into a June 23 incident at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., when a fire broke out on the back end of one of the aircraft during takeoff.

Officials suspected a problem with the plane's engine. Inspections of the fleet's engines are complete, but the aircraft has not been cleared for takeoff, according to officials.

"We're not going to put the F-35

in the air, send it anywhere until we are absolutely convinced and know that it's safe to fly," Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel told reporters last week during a visit to Eglin.

Farnborough is the pre-eminent air show for industry and defense officials promoting their latest hardware. About 90 government delegations are slated to appear, as well as hundreds of contractors and subcontractors, according to BBC News.

If the F-35 is a no-show, it would be an embarrassment for Lockheed Martin — the prime contractor — and the Pentagon. International sales are seen by the DOD as a way to share the financial burden of developing and fielding the new system. The foreign market is also a lucrative business opportunity for Lockheed.

A number of U.S. allies and partners, including the U.K., are slated to purchase large numbers of F-35s for their militaries. But countries such as Italy, the Netherlands, Denmark and Canada have curtailed their orders or are in the process of re-evaluating the number of F-35s they are going to buy. Others nations have expressed interest in the plane but have not made any procurement commitments.

The DOD is concerned about foreign perceptions of the F-35s safety issues.

"[Hagel's] visit [to Eglin], particularly at this time, sends a strong message to our international partners that the United States remains fully committed to the F-35 program," Pentagon Press Secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said last week.

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DECLAN BARNES/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jacques Chenel, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Kidd, stands watch on the bridge wearing a command ball cap June 16.

## Navy expands command ball cap use

By HENDRICK SIMOES  
Stars and Stripes

U.S. Navy Command ball caps are making a comeback by popular demand.

Starting Sept. 1, U.S. Navy commanding officers will be authorized to allow their sailors to wear command ball caps with Navy Working Uniforms Types I, II, and III. The change was announced Friday by the chief of naval personnel. Officials said feedback from sailors at all-hands calls spurred the decision to bring the caps back.

Command ball caps used to be a mainstay with utility uniforms. They identified the ship a sailor belonged to and also were

a source of pride. When utilities were replaced by Navy Working Uniforms, that uniform came with a matching eight-point cover. As a result, in 2010 the Navy implemented tighter rules on the use of ball caps.

Under the current policy, the ball caps are allowed only with physical training attire, coveralls and flight suits. Sailors wearing Navy Working Uniforms may wear command ball caps only when standing bridge watch or during training.

While bringing the ball caps back has been welcomed by many sailors, the decision also has critics. Concerns range from a sailor's appearance — the combination of the ball cap with the

digital pattern of the working uniform — to the broader impact of camaraderie in the Navy.

"You should be in uniform representing the Navy, not just your individual unit or entity," said Senior Chief Petty Officer Michael Minotto, stationed at Naval Support Activity Bahrain. "We need to understand we're all serving the same team."

The change is not intended to eliminate the eight-point Navy Working Uniform cover, which will remain part of the standard sea bag, officials said. An official document outlining the new policy will be released in the next few weeks.

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## Bergdahl completes 'reintegration,' reports for administrative job

By CHRIS CARROLL  
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WASHINGTON — Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl has reported for duty at a new command after finishing the "reintegration" treatment designed to help him recover from nearly five years in Taliban captivity, the Army announced Monday.

Although precisely what his new job will be hasn't been announced, a spokesman for U.S. Army North said he'd be doing the type of normal administrative duty that would generally be given to a junior non-commissioned officer.

Bergdahl, who was captured as a private first class but promoted to sergeant before

his May 31 release, will be moving into junior NCO quarters, said Don Manuszewski, a spokesman for Army North. He'll serve alongside other soldiers in the command and will be able to move on and off base freely, Manuszewski said.

"Our goal really is to ensure a smooth transition for him as he returns to duty in this command," he said. "We value every soldier."

Army North provides land forces to U.S. Northern Command for homeland defense, disaster relief and other operations. Its headquarters, where Bergdahl will work, are at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas — the same base where Bergdahl underwent outpatient treatment

to help him transition back from captivity.

How smoothly Bergdahl integrates into daily life with other soldiers remains to be seen. Members of his former unit, based at Fort Richardson, Alaska, have blasted him for deserting his remote outpost in Pakтика province in June 2009. A number of them have said his actions led to deaths and injuries of other soldiers in searches and other operations resulting from his disappearance.

In defending the deal to trade five senior Taliban captives at the Guantanamo Bay prison for Bergdahl, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel told Congress he'd seen no evidence linking U.S. combat deaths to the search for the missing American.

The circumstances surrounding the 2009 disappearance are the subject of an investigation by Maj. Gen. Kenneth Dahl. Now that he has completed the reintegration process, Bergdahl can be interviewed by Army investigators, but Pentagon officials said Monday that an interview hadn't yet taken place.

If found to have intentionally left his post, Bergdahl could face administrative or criminal punishments and could lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in back pay and potential prisoner of war benefits.

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## PACIFIC



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A sailor and Filipino schoolchildren pass Alvarez Tent City, where typhoon evacuees had been living.

# US military relief mission in Philippines wrapping up

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

TACLOBAN, Philippines—The U.S. military poured in emergency aid after one of the deadliest storms on record devastated large swaths of the Philippines.

This month, it came back to help foster longer-term recovery in the hardest-hit city.

Some 150 U.S. military personnel, along with a small group of disaster aid workers, traveled to Tacloban this month to do engineering, medical, veterinary and other aid work as part of a mission called Pacific Partnership 2014. The mission ends Tuesday.

Typhoon Haiyan and its massive storm surge virtually flattened the city last November, killing more than 6,000 people and causing billions of dollars in damage. After the storm, the USS George Washington aircraft carrier was diverted from a port visit to Hong Kong, and U.S. military transport planes and helicopters were quickly hauling rescue personnel, food and water to the city's heavily damaged airport.

Today, the roads around the town are clear of the debris that blocked them in the days after the disaster. Many buildings still lack roofs, but most of the people who fled to Manila on packed C-130 military transport planes have returned and are hard at work running businesses, attending school or repairing damage.

A group of Navy Seabees who arrived ahead of other Pacific Partnership personnel has been building classrooms at San Fernando Elementary School in downtown Tacloban for a month. The school sustained heavy damage in the storm and had to be closed during the cleanup. Now students, packed 70 to a class, are doing extra work to catch up.

Utilityman 2nd Class Matthew Murfin, 24, of Vernon, Ill., was toiling in the hot sun at the school last week, along with a dozen other Seabees, most from Naval Mobile

Construction Battalion 1 out of Gulf Port, Miss.

When the Seabees weren't hammering nails or pouring concrete, they were playing games with the kids, he said.

"Part of our mission is interacting with the locals," Murfin said. "It's just something to show that we aren't just here to work and leave. We're here to build a relationship with these people and show a little compassion about what happened."

The typhoon orphaned some of the students, who have been taken in by other families, Murfin said.

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utilityman 2nd class

which is regularly battered by typhoons, earthquakes and volcanoes. Winning hearts and minds is particularly important now as the country, which closed U.S. bases there more than two decades ago, has recently decided to let the military access them again.

"It has nothing to do with China," the commodore of the mission, U.S. Navy Capt. Brian Shipman, said in reference to the territorial disputes many nations in the region have with their larger neighbor. "It has everything to do with bad things that have happened to people in this area."

In past years, U.S. military doctors visiting places like the Philippines have provided a lot of direct care, but these days, they try to focus on passing on knowledge to local professionals so they leave

an enduring impact, said Cmdr. Steven Romero, 43, a Navy cardiologist from San Diego.

He has been doing "subject-matter expert exchanges" with Filipino heart doctors for a month, showing them how he takes ultrasound images of hearts that can show muscle weaknesses or blocked or leaky valves.

"Heart surgery isn't an option for a lot of these people," he said. "If they have money, they can fly to Manila, but there is no heart surgery here. They just don't have the facilities."

Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Wilson, 34, of Portsmouth, Va., was watching Filipino counterparts perform surgery at a local hospital and offering advice.

Wilson noted that Filipinos mostly do open surgery, whereas U.S. hospitals do a lot of keyhole procedures. The hospital in Tacloban has some keyhole surgery equipment, but it wasn't clear if it had everything it needed to do an operation, he said.

"I'm going to see what else they need to make it functional," Wilson said.

Military personnel and civilian volunteer doctors have also been providing direct care at neighborhood clinics.

Navy doctor Lt. William Becker, 28, of Milwaukee, spent a day checking patients' eyes. He found a variety of serious conditions ranging from congenital measles to cranial nerve palsies and cataracts.

Romero said the medics see whoever shows up at the clinics and typically deal with things such as diarrhea, high blood pressure — and a batch of expectant mothers.

"We are seeing a lot of pregnant women in Tacloban," he said. "It is eight months after the typhoon, and without electricity or television, there was a baby boom. A lot of these ladies are close to delivering."

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U.S. Navy Seabees and Filipino troops build classrooms in Tacloban, Philippines.



U.S. Army Spc. Phillip DeVictor, 22, takes a child's temperature during health checks provided by U.S., Japanese and Australian personnel in Tacloban.



Residents of Tacloban wait for free medical care.



## PACIFIC

## Pacific partners

US, Australia, Japan in the Philippines to hone joint disaster response skills

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

TACLOBAN, Philippines — U.S., Australian and Japanese servicemembers are working together on the Philippines' Leyte island, where their grandfathers fought some of the bloodiest battles of World War II 70 years ago.

The military men and women traveled there this month on a Japanese amphibious ship, the Kunisaki. Each day they've been going ashore on a hovercraft emblazoned with a red-and-white rising sun flag similar to the ensigns

of those involved in the mission — including two Malaysians, nine Australians and 120 U.S. personnel, along with members of nongovernmental organizations — to Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines.

Each morning, the hovercraft transports medics, veterinarians, engineers, civil affairs experts, public affairs staff and NGO workers to shore. At night, most return to the ship to sleep.

Shipman, whose regular job is leading Destroyer Squadron 21 out of Naval Base San Diego, said the three countries' ability to deploy

from a Japanese ship shows how much they have in common. Locals have welcomed the humanitarian work by the service members, but haven't forgotten the roles of America and Japan as colonial occupiers.

Both nations dealt out harsh treatment to Filipinos during the colonial period. Photographs on the walls of the Alejandro Hotel, where some U.S. servicemembers have been staying this month, show slave laborers and a village burning after it was set alight by Japanese troops during WWII.

Many Filipinos still harbor a grudge over the U.S. Army's refusal to return church bells taken as war trophies from the town of Balangiga, where Filipino "insurrectos" massacred members of the U.S. 9th Infantry Regiment in 1901, prompting a brutal campaign of reprisals that left thousands dead on the island of Samar, which has been linked to Leyte by bridge.

However, the Filipinos, like the servicemembers, appear ready to let bygones be bygones. Crowds of smiling residents greeted the American and Japanese personnel as they went about their work in Tacloban.

In a sign of the sensitivities surrounding the return of Japanese forces to the Philippines, Japanese military personnel working alongside the Americans and Australians declined to be interviewed.

Hideki Asai, a Japanese doctor working with International Emergency Medical Service Japan — one of the NGOs affiliated with Pacific Partnership — said he and the other Japanese personnel enjoy working with the Americans.

"They are very friendly," he said.

Asai praised the quality of hospitals in the Philippines but noted that many residents couldn't afford medical treatment.

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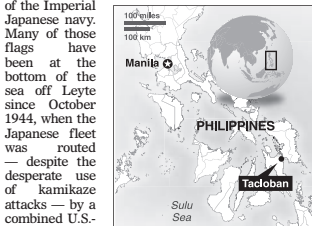
The Kunisaki, a Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force amphibious ship, has been serving as the command vessel for this year's Pacific Partnership events in Vietnam, Cambodia and the Philippines.



Above left: A member of the Japanese Self-Defense Force photographing U.S. Navy musicians entertaining Tacloban, Philippines, locals.

Above: Australian Army Capt. Darren Stendt, a nurse from Geelong, offers a Filipino patient advice on the treatment of a broken arm.

Left: Pacific Partnership troops come ashore at Tacloban each morning in a large Japanese Navy hovercraft.



Stars and Stripes

The three nations have long since buried the hatchet. Their militaries are back in the Philippines honing disaster response skills in an event called Pacific Partnership.

More than 300 servicemembers — mostly from the U.S. and Japan — are participating in the partnership's northern leg, which began in early June and included two-week stops in Vietnam and Cambodia. A southern component, which began mid-May, involved East Timor and Indonesia.

The cooperation comes as Japan and the U.S. prepare new bilateral defense cooperation guidelines for the first time since 1997. The guidelines are expected to address a recent Cabinet resolution calling for Japan's forces to defend close allies for the first time since WWII — if not, war would endanger the country. Japan's national legislature, where the ruling party holds a slender majority, is scheduled to consider laws related to the Cabinet resolution next spring.

Pacific Partnership has been established in 2006 in response to the 2004 Asian tsunami that devastated parts of Indonesia, Thailand and other countries.

The participation of the Kunisaki and its Japanese crew is a milestone. In past years, the command ship for Pacific Partnership has always been a U.S. vessel — either an amphibious hospital or supply ship, said U.S. Navy Capt. Brian Shipman, commodore of the mission in the Philippines.

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vice to a Filipino man who broke his arm in a motorcycle accident. Stendt said he'd worked with Americans at a hospital in Balad, Iraq, but it was his first time working with Japanese troops.

"We are the first Australians to ever work on a Japanese ship ... voluntarily," he said.

Thousands of U.S. and Australian prisoners of war were transported across the Pacific in "hell ships." Packed below deck without adequate food or water, many did not survive the journey or their time in harsh POW camps on the Japanese mainland.

Some of the Australian and

American personnel have complained about a monotonous diet of rice and squid aboard the Kunisaki, but otherwise appear to work well with the Japanese sailors.

Stendt said he thinks it's good that the Japanese are getting more involved in events such as the Pacific Partnership.

"The Japanese started with medical forces into East Timor in 2000, and the Germans went to Afghanistan," he said. "It's good for both Japan and Germany to have broken those yokes of World War II."

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## MILITARY

## Assessment: No decision on if report alters plan for advisers

### FROM FRONT PAGE

"There will be a matter of some time here as we work our way through what the assessments say, what the teams have found, before moving forward to any specific decisions about follow-on military assistance to the Iraqi security forces," Kirby said.

Senior leaders will fully digest the material before any recommendations are made about changes to the current mission, such as shifting to an operational advisory role.

Currently, about 90 advisers are still assessing the strengths and weaknesses of Iraqi units, while approximately 120 more are working in two joint operations centers set up to share information and intelligence with the Iraqis, who face a powerful insurgent force that has taken over large swaths of the country.

"Everybody knows and shares the sense of urgency about what's going on in Iraq, but it's more important to get this issue right than to get it quick," Kirby said.

Kirby would not address any of the contents of the assessment by U.S. troops.

The findings underscore the challenges ahead for the Obama administration as it seeks to confront militants with the Islamic State, which has seized major cities in Iraq and all but erased the Syrian-Iraqi border, the Times noted.

At the center of the administration debate is whether to send more military advisers, weaponry and surveillance systems to a country teetering on the brink of collapse.

While sending American advisers to Iraq would expose them to risks and could embroil them again in conflict, the Times writes that waiting to act might also limit the administration's ability to counter the Islamic State and to encourage the formation of a more inclusive government in Baghdad.

The Pentagon's decision this month to rush 200 troops, plus six Apache helicopter gunships and Shadow surveillance drones, to the Baghdad airport was prompted by a classified intelligence assessment that the sprawling complex, the main hub for sending and withdrawing American troops and diplomats, was vulnerable.

The assessment does not contain specific recommendations, the Times reported. Those will be developed by Central Command and the military's Joint Staff once the final report is sent to the Pentagon and shared with President Barack Obama and his top national security aides.

Stars and Stripes reporter Chris Carroll contributed to this report.

# James locked in on nuke missile ills

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Deborah Lee James became top boss of the Air Force seven months ago she had no inkling a nuclear crisis was brewing. But once it erupted in the form of exam cheating by dozens of missile launch officers, she quickly announced conclusions that no Air Force leader before her had dared state publicly.

The nuclear missile corps' problems run deep, she said, morale is "spotty" and forceful fixes are needed.

James reached those conclusions in January after a short visit to the three Air Force bases that operate intercontinental ballistic missiles, or ICBMs. She met not only with commanders but with the rank-and-file, including enlisted airmen who keep the missiles running properly and junior officers trained to launch them.

"I walked away believing there was something systemic, cultural if you will, that went beyond cheating and [that's] why I felt like we needed to not just address cheating — yes, we have to fix that — but we need to go farther than that," she said in an interview in her Pentagon office.

To her it seemed natural to acknowledge that publicly, although others in the Air Force had chosen not to.

"I hope and believe I am a straight talker," she said. "I think it's better to just say it. Don't mince words. And so I thought it was important to just stand up publicly and say what seemed to be obvious to me."

James, 55, is only the second woman to serve as Air Force secretary, the service's top civilian official. She took office in December 2013 following months of Associated Press reports documenting problems inside the nuclear



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

**Deborah Lee James has dealt with past exam cheating by missile launch officers since she became secretary of the Air Force.**

missile corps, starting with the sidelining in April 2013 of 19 launch officers at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., for what commanders called attitude and performance flaws. It was an unprecedented action and coincided with the AP's publication of an internal email from an officer at Minot complaining of "rot" inside the ICBM Force.

Senior Air Force officers at the time generally dismissed the reports, saying any problems were localized and limited.

James took a look for herself in January and saw something different, worse than she had imagined. She traveled to each of the three ICBM bases after disclosing at a Pentagon

under its control.

Fighters from the jihadi group barreled into town, some 80 kilometers north of Baghdad, on Sunday, and quickly seized the mayor's office, police station, local council and courthouse.

They also blew up a bridge connecting the town with the nearby city of Balad.

The Iraqi military launched a counterattack, but the fighting bogged down and was still raging Monday, officials and a resident

news conference that 34 launch officers at Minot Air Force Base, Mont., had been implicated in a cheating scandal and a small number of those also were suspects in an illegal drug use investigation. (The number implicated in the cheating later rose to nearly 100.) Before James hit the road she gathered enough information about the cheating to satisfy herself that it did not amount to "a major problem that could be of catastrophic consequences."

"But still, why did this happen and what is going on?" she asked herself.

What she found was a set of interconnected problems that went deeper than the cheating. She spotted morale issues, with airmen asking, in essence, why is it that the Air Force claims the nuclear mission is its No. 1 priority and yet missile facilities are in poor shape and spare parts are in short supply?

James, a native of Rumson, N.J., never served in the military but spent a decade — from 1983 to 1993 — as a professional staff member on the House Armed Services Committee, which has oversight responsibility for the Defense Department. From 2002 to 2013 she was a senior executive at Science Applications International Corp. in McLean, Va.

John Hamre, who was on the professional staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee while she was a counterpart on the House side, said he was not surprised that she quickly sized up the nuclear problem and attacked it head-on.

"She is wise enough to know that you cannot fudge your way through a political problem if you don't solve it," said Hamre, who is now president and chief executive officer of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank. "It keeps coming back. The way she handled the ICBM problem was typical Debbie James."

said.

Since capturing the northern city of Mosul last month, the Islamic State group and other Sunni militants have seized control of much of northern and western Iraq.

Their offensive has slowed since the initial burst, but the insurgents have vowed to push on to Baghdad.

From The Associated Press

## Fighting rages north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD — Government forces and allied Sunni tribal fighters battled to dislodge militants from a small town north of Baghdad on Monday, while two car bombs in the capital killed at least seven people, officials said.

The clashes in Dulayyah are part of the Islamic State extremist group's larger offensive across Iraq as it tries to expand the territory

# Fort Hood working through water woes

By JENNIFER Hlad  
Stars and Stripes

Fort Hood was closed to all but mission-essential workers Monday and officials had to send drinking water to all the housing areas after a construction worker hit the main water line off base, interrupting the supply to Fort Hood as well as the local communities of Killeen, Harker Heights and Copperas Cove, Texas.

Personnel at Fort Hood and in the surrounding communities were asked to begin emergency water conservation efforts Sunday morning when the water line was interrupted.

At first, customers were asked to use water only for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene — curtailing car washing and other water use — until the interruption was fixed.

However, Fort Hood fitness centers closed their showers

Sunday afternoon, and senior commanders announced Sunday evening that outpatient services at the post's hospital would be rescheduled, all child development centers would be closed, and only essential personnel should report to work Monday.

On Monday morning, the post's water supplier issued a boil-water alert for all Fort Hood housing areas and the majority of the post, including the hospital. Soon after that advisory was posted, base officials said they were sending trucks full of potable water to the living areas for soldiers and families to drink.

The break was repaired and the drinkable water supply for the base and surrounding communities was expected to return by Monday afternoon, a base spokesman said.

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## MILITARY

# Cleanup: Retired Marine sets good example for unemployed veterans

## FROM FRONT PAGE

People like Krusenstjerna are a shining example of what to do when separating from the military, officials from the Veterans Benefits Administration say.

Some veterans — especially infantry or those who have seen combat — become incapacitated by the theory that their skills don't translate to a civilian career. Separation from military often happens quickly, officials said, thrusting a servicemember from an insulated, mission-driven environment with a strong support base to being on their own. Many also are processing their experiences and perhaps nursing mental and physical wounds.

"Many of them have a significant amount of decisions to make in a very short window," said Rosye Cloud, a senior VBA veteran employment adviser. "For younger veterans, it could be their first time in the labor market. ... Now they're the mission."

## Finding his own way

It's not surprising that Krusenstjerna, 31, found his own path. He grew up in suburban Des Moines, the son of self-employed business owners.

By age 7 or 8, Krusenstjerna was operating a forklift at his parents' paper and packaging distribution business or working at his grandfather's trucking company. It wasn't long before he was interacting with customers and taking care of problems, said his father, Jay.

In high school, he worked several jobs, starting after school and extending long into the summer months. He had his own landscaping company.

He worked so much that his parents cautioned him about keeping up his grades. But Krusenstjerna still found time to wrestle and play football and golf.

"Work has always been his favorite thing," Jay Krusenstjerna said. "He never wanted to do any other profession [other than an entrepreneur]."

John Krusenstjerna joined the Marine Corps in 2003. He became a truck mechanic but was moved to convoy security in 2004 as the Marines moved into Fallujah. He served nine months in country.

In 2006, he was back in Iraq for a seven-month deployment as a sergeant in charge of an engineer detachment building combat outposts for the Army and Marines in Ramadi.

During some 60 missions during the battle for the city, he learned to lead by example. And he discovered his calling.

Preparing combat outposts in Ramadi involved picking a house in a high insurgent activity area, clearing it, working to pay and relocate the family, and fortifying the house it with sandbags and barriers.

In one house, Krusenstjerna found a family that had refused to leave when ordered by insurgent forces. Members were executed and left under a pile of blankets in a bedroom.

His Marines looked to him for guidance, as he was trained in hazardous materials. As they removed the blankets and began to clean where the bodies had been, the smell hit him.

"I got some bleach and scrubbed it until I got it cleaned up," he said. "[In the Marine Corps] you have to make it happen."

Jay Krusenstjerna also recalled his son telling about finding a fellow Marine who had committed suicide.

He said his son possesses a unique mental toughness.

"Now that would give me nightmares," Jay Krusenstjerna said. "He has emotion in his heart, but when it's time to work, he gets going. He respects it but he doesn't dwell on it. He puts it in a different compartment."



Photos courtesy of Jamison Studios

Retired Marine John Krusenstjerna, owner and operator of Iowa CTS Cleaners, is surrounded by some of the tools of his trade.



**"You get to help people in a time of need. You get a good feeling when you go in and help someone that has nowhere else to turn."**

John Krusenstjerna

## Business takes off

Krusenstjerna left the Marines in 2007 with an eye on a job in law enforcement. But his mind flicked back to that house in Ramadi, and he began researching crime scene cleanup. He discovered it was a relatively unfilled niche.

"There is no company like mine in Iowa," he said. "I couldn't even go work for one to see if I could do it. I basically had to reinvent the wheel."

He poured money into his new company, buying tools, obtaining certifications and training staff. His parents urged him to

start taking jobs so he could support himself, but Krusenstjerna wanted to be absolutely sure he was ready.

In 2009, police fatally shot a man who pointed a gun at them as they served a search warrant. Krusenstjerna got the call to clean up blood at the scene after marketing his company for only six days.

About 20 jobs followed in the next year. Now he fields more than 100 per year — including deaths of all kinds. There also have been spray-happy skunks, rodent infestations and a deer that flung itself through a glass door.

Then there are meth lab explosions and fires, which he needed a special certification to detect and clean.

"Basically, we clean the messes that people never think about happening or the ones they don't want to," he said. "You can do more than you think you can."

Krusenstjerna approaches them all the same way.

He arrives with his crew and gear, which includes protective clothing, a respirator, air scrubbers, power tools and a massive array of scrapers and chemicals. He meets with the homeowners and often consoles them, sometimes for hours, as they mourn the loss of a close family member to suicide or murder.

Then his team gets to work, cleaning, ripping out blood-soaked carpets, floors and subfloors, repairing and deodorizing the home. He works out a payment plan with the families, sometimes losing money to ease their pain.

"That's his biggest thing: He's willing to help," said Kyle Dumermuth, operations manager at Iowa CTS Cleaners. "He's taken big hits to help people out. ... The military bestowed some great values in him."

There have been some particularly rough jobs, Krusenstjerna admitted.

In a way, he said he feels he's reliving his service, performing a trying task and taking pride in doing it right. Instead of pleasing Marine leadership, he is easing the suffering of grieving families.

Insulated from the crime scene by their

gear, his team usually turns on the radio and keeps things light if the family is not at home. It is tougher when they can hear grieving family members, and they work in silence out of respect.

"There are a few things I like about it," Krusenstjerna said. "You get to help people in a time of need. You get a good feeling when you go in and help someone that has nowhere else to turn. Then there is that feeling of accomplishment; you can see the results. And every day is different. You never know what you're going to encounter."

Krusenstjerna has built close relationships with law enforcement personnel who enjoy working with a professional, veteran-owned and -operated business. He now has more work than he can handle as his team's reputation has spread. He is now in charge of seven employees who have cleaned more than 900 trauma scenes since the company's inception.

"He started from nothing and built it into something," Dumermuth said. "He provides a great service."

## 'Get out and do something'

Krusenstjerna knows the problem of veteran unemployment is real for the 2.8 million who have returned home from Iraq and Afghanistan. He has heard the horror stories and while he sympathizes with some, he has seen others fall into bad habits.

"I wish guys could see, when they get out, there is stuff out there they can do," Jay Krusenstjerna added. "Be creative. Don't just sit back. There is life after the military."

Krusenstjerna's advice is to hit the ground running, be creative when entering the job market and embrace a soldier's unique work ethic and skills. Keeping up his physical training regimen three times a week also helped, he said.

"Don't sit there and do nothing and rot," he said. "Get out and do something."

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## NATION



Michelle Knight  
former captive

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## Former captive seeking new identity, normal life

By MARK GILLISPIE  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Michelle Knight has discovered that the fame that followed her escape from Ariel Castro's house of horrors in Cleveland cuts both ways.

There has been some obvious good. The girl who grew up without a toothbrush and spent nearly 11 years in captivity can provide for herself. She has her own apartment. Her book, "Finding Me," spent five weeks on the New York Times Best Sellers List. She and the other two women kidnapped by Castro split \$1.4 million in donations collected after their escape. Phil McGraw, of "Dr. Phil" television fame, presented Knight with an oversized check for more than \$400,000 from his foundation.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Knight said she is ready to assume a normal life and, with it, a new name and identity — Lily Rose Lee.

"I'm not a celebrity," said Knight, 33. "I don't want to be. I want to be me."

Fame has brought some frustrations. Knight becomes frightened when crowds sometimes gather around her as she walks alone. She finds it annoying when people snap cellphone photos without asking.

And people from her distant past have reappeared, feigning

friendship but ultimately seeking money, she said.

"You have to be careful every day because of the book and the money and the 'it' factor of who you are," she said. "They're not coming at me to be my friend. They want what I have."

Knight writes in her book that she grew up under less than ideal circumstances. Food and clothing were hard to come by. Strangers drifted in and out of the house at all hours. She said her mother kept her home from school for days at a time to care for her twin brothers and assorted cousins who lived there. She ran away from home at 15.

The course Knight is setting means leaving her family behind. She said she forgives them but doesn't want anything to do with them.

She also has decided to not pursue visitation rights with her son, Joey, who is now 14 and lives with adoptive parents. Knight said she doesn't know she's his birth mother and she doesn't want to disrupt his life. She knows he's happy, and that's good enough for her.

Her Facebook page, which has nearly 24,000 likes, has become a support group for trauma victims. Discussing what she and others have endured has been therapeutic for her, she said. "If I can help more than a million people or just one, I did my job," she said.

# Obama seeks governors' support on border kids

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL  
AND STEVE PEOPLES  
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell met privately with dozens of governors Sunday as the Obama administration tried to get support from the leaders of states that will host thousands of the Central American children who have crossed the Mexican border on their own since Oct. 1.

Governors of both parties expressed concerns about the cost to states, including providing public education for the children, according to those who attended the meeting. Burwell left the meeting through a side door without talking to reporters.

"Our citizens already feel burdened by all kinds of challenges. They don't want to see another burden come into their state," said Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat. "However we deal with the humanitarian aspects of this, we've got to do it in the most cost-effective way possible."

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad were among the most vocal Republican critics. They seized on the administration's plans to place the children with friends or family members without checking on their immigration status.

Under current law, immigrant children from countries that don't border the United States and who cross into this country by them-

selves are turned over to HHS within 72 hours. From there, they often are reunited with parents or placed with other relatives already living in the country while they wait for an immigration court to decide their future. The court process can take years.

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Gov. John Hickenlooper  
Colorado

Since Oct. 1 more than 57,000 children have crossed the border alone. Most are from Honduras, El Salvador or Guatemala.

"We want to make sure they're placed in a safe and supportive home or placement, but also, it should be somebody that is legal and somebody that will be responsible to see that they show up for the hearing," Branstad said.

According to data from the Justice Department's Executive Office for Immigration Review, about a quarter of immigrants facing deportations hearings

don't show up as ordered. The no-show rate for the juvenile immigration court docket is about 46 percent.

Amid the debate of what is causing the ongoing crush of child immigrants and how the government can stem the flow, two key lawmakers said President Barack Obama can take administrative action to relieve much of the crisis without waiting for what is likely to be a contentious and lengthy congressional battle.

At issue is a provision in a 2008 human trafficking law that puts the fate of these immigrants in the hands of immigration judges. The Obama administration has expressed some interest in asking Congress to change the law to give the administration more leeway in dealing with the crisis.

But Republican Rep. Mike Rogers, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said Sunday that wholesale changes by Congress may not be necessary and that Obama has the authority to return the children to their native countries.

Obama "has tools in his toolbox" to deal with humanitarian issues and deter more children from coming to the U.S., Rogers said.

"We can safely get them home," Rogers said on NBC television's "Meet the Press." He said, "And that's where the president needs to start. So he needs to re-engage, get folks who are doing administrative work on the border. They need to make sure they send a very clear signal."

## Boy's itchy rash traced to nickel in iPad

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Unexplained rash? Check your iPad. It turns out the popular tablet computer may contain nickel, one of the most common allergy-inducing metals.

Recent reports in medical journals detail nickel allergies from a variety of personal electronic devices, including laptops and cellphones. But it was an Apple iPad that caused an itchy body rash in an 11-year-old boy recently treated at a San Diego hospital,

according to a report in Monday's Pediatrics.

Nickel rashes aren't life-threatening but they can be very uncomfortable, and they may require treatment with steroids and antibiotics if the skin eruptions become infected, said Dr. Sharon Jacob, a dermatologist at Rady Children's Hospital, where the boy was treated. Jacob, who co-wrote the report, said the young patient had to miss school because of the rash.

Skin testing showed the boy

had a nickel allergy, and doctors traced it to an iPad his family had bought in 2010.

Doctors checked the device and detected a chemical compound found in nickel in the iPad's outside coating.

"He used the iPad daily," Jacob said. He got better after putting it in a protective case, she said.

Whether all iPad models and other Apple devices contain nickel is uncertain. Apple spokesman Chris Gauthier said the company had no comment.



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## NATION



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## Lifeguard's sacrifice remembered

Mourners gather for a memorial for Newport Beach, Calif., lifeguard Ben Carlson off the Newport Pier on Sunday. Carlson, a 15-year veteran of the Newport Beach Fire Department, drowned July 6 while trying to rescue a swimmer off Newport Beach. Carlson and the struggling swimmer were hit by a large wave. The swimmer made it to shore safely, but Carlson, 32, went under.

## Tougher to find gaffes to doom GOP candidates

By THOMAS BEAUMONT  
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Democratic Party researchers are diligently scrubbing every speech and public comment made by Republican Senate candidates for any hint of explosive language that might spook moderate or independent voters.

But with less than four months until the 2014 congressional elections, Democrats are still waiting for new bombshells and growing more anxious about the lack of incendiary material as they try to hold enough Senate seats to keep control of the upper chamber.

If the Republicans win the Senate majority in November, they would essentially have the power to kill President Barack Obama's legislative agenda during the final two years of his term, since the Democrats have little chance of retaking control of the House of Representatives. Republicans need to gain six seats to win Senate control.

In the past two election seasons, Senate Democrats have capitalized on well-positioned Republican contenders imploding with politically off-key statements.

Republicans had hoped to capture the Senate in 2012, but Republican candidates in Indiana and Missouri blew winnable Senate races after provocative comments on rape and abortion. In 2010, the rise of the right-wing tea party movement propelled Republicans to take over the House, but failed Senate candidates from

Nevada to Delaware were seen as too far outside the mainstream.

As Republicans have gotten stronger in Midwestern and Southwestern states, more conservative candidates are more inclined to play to the party's rightmost fringe. That strategy can fire up the party's base and help in races for the House, where congressional districts are often drawn to pack in as many like-minded voters as possible. But it can backfire in a statewide race for a Senate seat.

Controversial remarks often relate to race, government plots, women's issues and religion. In 2012, Missouri Republican candidate Todd Akin's Senate campaign crumbled after he declared the female anatomy capable of preventing pregnancy in the case of "a legitimate rape." Likewise, Indiana Senate candidate Richard Mourdock's bid sank after he said pregnancies that result from "that horrible situation of rape, that is something God intended to happen."

During this year's primary season, Republican Party leaders pushed hard to put more mainstream candidates on their tickets, as the tea party movement lost much of its luster.

The more cautious rhetoric in 2014 has come as a relief to national Republican leaders who want to close the Democrats' edge with women, younger and minority voters. Last year, the party had a series of candidate training sessions on speaking carefully.

The best line of attack Demo-

crats have come up with so far is Iowa Republican Senate candidate Joni Ernst's avowed belief in a possible threat to American property rights posed by an obscure global development concept known as Agenda 21. Some conservatives see the concept as the harbinger of a United Nations takeover, a common rallying cry on the far right.

"Agenda 21 is a horrible idea," Ernst told a rural county Republican audience.

The nonbinding resolution, signed by Republican President George H.W. Bush in 1992, urges nations to conserve open land and steer development toward more populous areas.

Ernst said last year: "The implications we could have here is moving people off their agricultural land and consolidating them into city centers, and then telling them, 'You don't have property rights anymore.' These are all things that the U.N. is behind, and it's bad for the United States and bad for families here in the state of Iowa."

Susan Geddes, a conservative Iowa Republican strategist, said Ernst's characterization "is a problem for our party."

The Iowa Democratic Party has been citing the remarks, and Ernst's calls for impeaching Obama, in hopes of building a case that Ernst's views are outside the mainstream. It's not clear whether they are having an impact in her race against Democrat Bruce Braley, which appears to be close.

## USGS: 7 small quakes in 14 hours shake Okla.

The Associated Press

GUTHRIE, Okla. — The U.S. Geological Survey has recorded seven small earthquakes shaking central Oklahoma in a span of about 14 hours.

The tremors are part of an increase in earthquakes across Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas that some scientists say could be connected to the oil and gas drilling method known as hydraulic fracturing, and especially the wells in which the industry disposes of its wastewater.

Sunday's quakes ranged from magnitude-2.6 to magnitude-2.9 and were centered in an area 15 to 30 miles northeast of Oklahoma City. The USGS said the quakes were recorded between 7:57 p.m. Saturday and 9:51 a.m. Sunday. No injuries or damage

were reported.

Those follow four other quakes, including a magnitude-4.3 temblor recorded shortly after noon Saturday. The other Saturday morning quakes ranged in magnitude from 2.9 to 3.2.

Seismologists know that hydraulic fracturing, or fracking — which involves blasting water, sand and chemicals deep into underground rock formations to free oil and gas — can cause microquakes that are rarely strong enough to register on monitoring equipment. However, fracking also generates vast amounts of wastewater, which is pumped into injection wells thousands of feet underground. Scientists wonder whether that could trigger quakes by increasing underground pressures and lubricating faults.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Dead body falls out of coroner's van onto road

**PA** FEASTERVILLE — A dead body on a gurney fell out of a coroner's van when a door malfunctioned, sending the corpse into the middle of a busy roadway in Pennsylvania.

The Bucks County Courier Times reported that the accident happened around noon Friday near a shopping center in Feasterville, Pa.

A photo on the newspaper's website shows the corpse, wrapped in what appears to be a white sheet, lying in the street as cars buzz by. The Bucks County Coroner's Office said the driver realized immediately that the door had opened and retrieved the body within minutes. The office said it "deeply regrets" the incident.

A passer-by who helped get the body back into the van said he thought it was a prank, calling it "the most bizarre thing" he'd ever seen.

## Woman doing yoga in street busted for drugs

**FL** OCALA — Police said a woman in possession of heroin was arrested after she began undressing and doing yoga in the middle of a North Florida street.

Ocala police arrested Michele Cernak, 51, on possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia Wednesday.

The Ocala Star-Banner reported that officers found Cernak in the middle of the street with her jeans around her ankles and in the midst of a yoga pose.

Officers found her running to a pickup nearby, and found drugs and paraphernalia inside.

## Damage assessed after water burst from lake

**AK** JUNEAU — Officials are assessing the damage after water burst from a glacially dammed lake and caused flooding in Juneau.

The water crept up on homes and closed roads and hiking trails Friday.

The water level at Mendenhall Lake reached 11.8 feet, breaking its old 1995 record of 11.18 feet, and the Mendenhall River saw near-record flows.

Laurie Sica, clerk for the city and borough of Juneau, said Saturday that the full extent of damage wasn't known, but at least one home suffered flood damage and others had water in their garages.

## Theme park: Breast feeding is up to women

**KY** LOUISVILLE — Kentucky Kingdom said it will allow women to feed their babies publicly in any manner they see fit.

The Courier-Journal reported that the statement stems from a social media outcry following a woman's claim she was asked to breast-feed privately at the Louisville theme park.

Kentucky Kingdom chief executive Ed Hart's statement Fri-



BOB CARE, FLORIDA KEYS NEWS BUREAU/AP

## Subsea jam session

Mike Limerick pretends to play a mock musical instrument at the Lower Keys Underwater Music Festival on Saturday in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The subsea concert at Looe Key Reef, about 6 miles south of Big Pine Key, Fla., attracted almost 500 divers and snorkelers to listen to a local radio station's four-hour broadcast piped beneath the sea via underwater speakers.

## THE CENSUS

**\$665K**

The amount raised by a new raffle in Wyoming for hunting licenses. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department raffled off difficult-to-draw hunting licenses and one Super Tag Trifecta. The Trifecta winner can buy three

different licenses from a pool covering antelope, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat, gray wolf, black bear, mountain lion and wild bison. Game and Fish sold more than 50,000 raffle tickets to people from Wyoming, across the country and around the world.



the situation worse.

Bowman said a firefighter who was taken to the hospital Thursday after inhaling smoke was released Friday.

Employees at neighboring businesses told the Deseret News the city is too close and they want it moved.

## No, NY isn't demanding lawn mower registration

**NY** BUFFALO — Rest easy, New Yorkers, the state is staying off your lawn and away from your mowers.

A hoax spreading online last week has some residents thinking they'll be forced to register their mowers and haul them in for annual inspections just like a car.

It's not true.

The Buffalo News reported Friday that officials in upstate New York counties are trying to set the record straight with angry residents.

They say now as you please.

There's no registration requirement, as the hoax indicated, no \$10 fee and no mandate that mowers must wear Occupational Safety and Health Administration-approved safety glasses, hearing protection or steel-toed shoes.

From wire reports

day reverses the park's previous stated policy requiring mothers to "use discretion."

Renee Michelle Villatoro said she was asked to go to a designated area in a restroom to breast-feed her infant son. She said she had to stop feeding altogether because she couldn't leave her other children alone.

Villatoro said Hart called her and apologized.

## Pillow fight sets off college dorm sprinkler

**NE** LINCOLN — A pillow fight that set off a college dorm sprinkler system led to the evacuation of five floors of Schramm Hall on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus Friday night.

The Lincoln Journal Star reported that campers staying at last week's Christ in Youth Conference got in a pillow fight just

after 11 p.m. Friday and hit a sprinkler on the fifth floor, setting off the sprinkler system.

UNL Police Officer Greg Byelick said police and firefighters arrived to find all five floors damaged from water coming out of a sprinkler head on the fifth floor.

The group was relocated to Abel and Pound halls for the remainder of its stay.

## Woman struck, killed by pickup is identified

**CO** ASPEN — Authorities have released the name of a woman who was struck and killed by a pickup truck in the western Colorado town of Basalt.

The Aspen Daily News reported that Kathryn Kania, 53, of Basalt, was hit as she was standing in the eastbound lane of Colorado 82 during a heavy rainstorm just before 2 a.m. Friday.

The truck's driver was not in-

jured, and investigators said she was not intoxicated when she hit Kania, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

## Mulch pile combusts, causing fire, damage

**UT** SOUTH SALT LAKE — Investigators blame spontaneous combustion for a compost fire that damaged two buildings and sent a firefighter to the hospital.

Officials said the fire at Diamond Tree Experts in South Salt Lake began Thursday evening and reignited Friday morning. It's the same place where a compost pile went up in flames on July 3.

South Salt Lake Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Bowman said heat is generated inside the pile of grass and leaves, which was about 50 to 60 feet deep and an acre wide. He said hot weather and wind made



## WORLD



DMITRY LOVETSKY/AP

People look through a bus window as they depart as refugees to Russia in the city of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, on Monday following intense fighting there.

# Ukrainian plane downed as fighting intensifies

By PETER LEONARD  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — A Ukrainian military transport plane was shot down Monday along the country's eastern border with Russia, the defense minister said.

Rebels in conflict-wracked eastern Ukraine immediately claimed responsibility for downing the Antonov-26 but Ukrainian Defense Minister Valeriy Heletey said the rocket may have been fired from Russia.

Heletey said the plane was flying at an altitude of 21,000 feet, which he said was too high to be reached with the weapons used by the separatists fighting government troops. Ukrainian authorities say plane may have been carrying about 20 people but there was no word on casualties.

In the last two weeks, the government has halved the territory held by pro-Russia separatists,

who have been forced back into strongholds around the eastern cities of Luhansk and Donetsk. Those two mostly Russian-speaking regions have declared independence from in Kiev.

Fighting intensified Monday around Luhansk as government forces stepped up efforts to disrupt rebel lines and reclaim more territory from the faltering insurgency. One resident said panic was gripping the city.

Despite reports of military successes, however, Ukraine's president announced he has more evidence that Russia has directly supported a separatist insurgency against his government that is dragging into its fourth month.

The Defense Ministry said Monday that government troops had retaken several villages around the rebel-controlled city of Luhansk and had reopened a corridor to its civilian airport.

"Due to successful offensives by forces in the Donetsk region,

some militants are trying to leave the city," the Defense Ministry said in a statement.

Rebels, however, insisted their fighting capabilities remain strong. A spokeswoman for the separatist Luhansk People's Republic told The Associated Press that they destroyed a Ukrainian armed convoy in the village of Heorhiivka, 6 miles west of the airport. She says at least three Ukrainian soldiers were killed in that clash.

Government defense officials said their troops have taken control of several areas on the fringe of Luhansk — including Metalist, Oleksandrivsk, Bile and Rozkishne. The leader of the military wing of the insurgency, Igor Girkin, also known by his nom de guerre Strelkov, had over the weekend predicted a bitter fight for Luhansk, a city of 400,000, and estimated that Ukrainian forces had deployed up to 70 tanks in the offensive.

# Israel says drone from Gaza downed

By PETER ENAV  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military said it downed a drone launched by Gaza militants on Monday, the first time it encountered an unmanned aircraft since the start of its offensive last week, as the death toll from Israeli airstrikes rose to at least 175.

Israel began its campaign against militants in the Hamas-controlled Gazaon July 8, saying it was responding to heavy rocket fire from the densely populated territory. The military says it has launched more than 1,300 airstrikes since then, while Palestinian militants have launched nearly 1,000 rockets at Israel.

The outbreak of violence followed the kidnappings and killings of three Israeli teenagers in the West Bank last month, as well as the subsequent kidnapping and killing of a Palestinian teenager in an apparent revenge attack, along with Israeli raids against Hamas militants and infrastructure in the West Bank.

Three Jews were charged Monday in the killing of the Palestinian teen, whose death set off days of violent protests in Arab areas of Jerusalem and northern Israel.

Police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said the three appeared before a court on Monday. He said the suspects admitted to abducting Mohammed Abu Khdeir, 16, and setting him on fire.

Abu Khdeir was taken on July 2 near his home in east Jerusalem and his charred body was later found in a forest. An autopsy found that he was burned to death.

Police are investigating three other suspects who remain under house arrest for involvement in the killing.

Two Israeli airstrikes struck the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis, killing four Palestinians, according to officials from the city's European Hospital, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to media.

In all, the Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza has said that at least 175 people have been killed in Israeli air attacks, including dozens of civilians.

No Israelis have been killed as a result of Hamas rocket launches, in large part thanks to the success of the Israeli military's "Iron Dome" air defense system in intercepting the missiles. Several people have been wounded, including a teenage boy who was seriously injured by rocket shrapnel Sunday.

The Israeli military said the drone, launched from Gaza on Monday, was shot down in mid-flight by a Patriot surface-to-air missile along the southern Israeli coastline, near the city of Ashdod. In a statement to media, Hamas claimed it launched three drones at Israel on Monday, though the military insisted there was only one.



KHALIL HAMRA/AP

A Palestinian man looks at a destroyed house in Gaza City on Monday following an overnight Israeli missile strike.

# North Korea continuing its barrage of missile launches

By HYUNG-JIN KIM  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Another day, another defiant weapons test from North Korea.

A day after launching two ballistic missiles from a base near the border with archrival South Korea, Pyongyang on Monday fired a barrage of artillery shells into waters near its eastern sea border with the South. Officials in Seoul have confirmed nearly 100 missile, rocket and artillery tests by North Korea this year, an output seen as significantly high-

er than past years.

The regular test-firings of short-range projectiles, analysts say, are the latest signal that the country's young leader, Kim Jong Un, is determined to do things differently than his father, Kim Jong Il.

Kim Jong Un, who pushed tensions to extraordinary levels last year with threats of nuclear strikes against Seoul and Washington, will likely order his military to keep up the launches, they say, until the United States and South Korea make major concessions such as scaling down their regular joint military drills that

Pyongyang insists are an invasion rehearsal. That's a major contrast to the style of Kim's father, who sparingly used longer-range missile and nuclear tests more as negotiating cards with the outside world to win concessions.

On Monday, about 100 shells fired from land-based multiple rocket launch systems and coastal artillery guns landed north of the Korea's maritime border. Those shells flew about 1.9 to 31 miles, and South Korea didn't return fire because no shells fell in its waters, according to South Korean defense and military officials.

The eastern sea border is clearly marked compared with the Korea's disputed western sea boundary, where the rivals have engaged in several bloody skirmishes in recent years. The Koreas exchanged artillery fire twice earlier this year near the western sea boundary.

North Korea routinely tests short-range projectiles, but the number of launches this year has been much higher than in previous years, according to South Korean officials and analysts.

The continued launches show North Korea's leader is pushing

to strengthen military capabilities because his country feels threatened by U.S.-South Korean military drills even as it pushes for talks with the allies, said Lim Eun Chul, a North Korea expert at South Korea's Kyungnam University.

The launches come as North Korea pressures Seoul to accept a proposed set of measures it says are meant to lower tensions.

Kim Jong Un's push for better ties are seen by analysts as an attempt to help lure international aid and investment to revive the country's moribund economy.

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# OPINION

## Act when you see a GI or vet in turmoil

By SENIOR MASTER SGT. MARK R. LIS  
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In mid-May of 2013, I attended the funeral of a friend, classmate and fellow veteran. His passing marked the second time that year that a family friend had committed suicide. His troubles were many, and he hid them well. We spoke often and had many war stories to tell each other. I had seen him at least once a week at our Student Veterans Association meetings at a local community college, and he seemed to be no different than any other Afghanistan or Iraq veteran trying to find his way back into society.

On May 11, my friend was supposed to meet other Student Veteran Alliance members at the local cemetery to help decorate veterans' graves for the new flag for the Memorial Day holiday. When he didn't show up, people started to wonder where he was and eventually notified the police of his disappearance. Later, his body was discovered in a local forest. This young man — a decorated Marine veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq, husband, father and hero — had taken his own life.

We all were devastated. What circumstances led this veteran to the point where he could not go on? We now know he had some problems, just like all of us. Money troubles, family issues and the lack of meaningful employment, coupled with the stress of having been deployed, all probably played a role in his decision.

Yes, as military members, we all have been where he was. But what makes someone think he can't go on with life? I don't know if we ever will have the answers to a question like that. Having been in the military for more than 20 years, I have been to countless briefings on suicide and suicide prevention. In the aftermath of my friend's death, however, I had many questions for myself. Why did I not see this coming? What could I have done to make it possible for this young man to still be here today, enjoying his family, friends and life?

In truth, it is possible that no one could have stopped my friend from taking his life. When someone decides he wants to commit suicide, it can be difficult to recognize the warning signs and get him the help he needs. But we need to be aware of the signals that someone might be contemplating such an action. Any of the following could

be a potential warning sign that someone is thinking of committing suicide.

■ **Depression.** Individuals contemplating suicide experience many different emotions, including sadness, hopelessness and anxiety. Depression usually includes a loss of interest in life and the things that are happening around the depressed person. Major depression, when diagnosed in time, can be treated through medication and therapy.

■ **Talking about dying.** Those who are considering suicide will often think about various methods for killing themselves. They'll sometimes discuss with others different ways in which they can die. They may also be thinking about ways in which others have killed themselves.

■ **Sleep patterns.** Someone who's depressed and considering suicide may experience a change in sleeping habits. A depressed person may move from following a regular schedule to sleeping for long periods of time or, alternately, to becoming hyperactive, restless and not sleeping.

■ **Concentration.** A loss of focus at work or in school, as well as in extracurricular activities, may also be a symptom of depression. If you notice someone is not putting in the effort that is usual, it can be a sign that he or she is depressed.

■ **Change in eating habits.** Many times those considering suicide will experience either a loss of or extreme increase in appetite. Depressed people may gain or lose a lot of weight over a short period of time.

■ **Low self-esteem.** Feelings of worthlessness and guilt often play a part in the desire to commit suicide. Someone contemplating taking his own life may also suddenly seem not to like anyone else.

■ **Lack of goals.** Those who are contemplating suicide will exhibit a disinterest in the future and in many goals they've previously wanted to reach. They'll also seem to not care about current events happening around them that relate to the future.

■ **Making arrangements.** People thinking about suicide may start arranging for someone to take care of their animals or possessions. They may also begin giving away possessions that are important to them. Some make out wills to be sure everything is taken care of after they're gone.

■ **Loss of control.** Outbursts of anger or sadness that happen without warning are sometimes a symptom of depression and thoughts of suicide. This loss of con-

trol may also include harming or directing harm toward others.

■ **History.** The loss of a loved one, job, relationship, money, friend or even religious beliefs may lead to suicidal ideations. The decision to stop attending events may also be a sign that someone is losing interest in life.

What should you do if you recognize the signs that someone may be thinking of committing suicide? People who receive support from caring friends and family, and who have access to mental health services, are less likely to act on suicidal impulses than those who are socially isolated.

■ **Don't be afraid to ask a relative, friend or acquaintance directly if he or she is depressed or thinking about suicide.**

■ **If you become concerned that someone you know is at risk for suicide, don't leave that person alone.** If possible, ask for help from his or her family or friends. Try to keep everyone involved calm.

■ **Ask the person to give you any weapons he or she might have.** Take away or remove sharp objects or anything else that the person could use to hurt himself or herself.

■ **In some cases, the person is just looking for the chance to talk about his or her feelings and just needs to know that someone cares.** It's fine to listen, but you should also encourage him or her to seek professional help.

■ **Call 911 or take the person to an emergency room.**

Can suicide be prevented? In many cases, it can't with any certainty, but the likelihood can be reduced with intervention. Reach out and support the best way to prevent suicide is to know the risk factors, be alert to the signs of depression and other mental disorders, recognize the warning signs, and intervene before the person can complete the process of self-destruction.

For senior leaders, it's our job to take care of the troops. Get to know those serving under your direction. Ask them questions, and show you care for their well-being. Your genuine concern may be just what they need to help them realize that someone cares for them and that they will be taken care of should they enter a time of crisis.

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## Make it easier for VA to hire more psychiatrists

By SAUL LEVIN and MARY GILBERTI

The Department of Veterans Affairs is embroiled in a troubling scandal. An internal audit has found that more than 57,000 new patients have waited at least three months for their appointments while 13 percent of VA schedulers have admitted to falsifying appointment request dates under orders to obscure these long wait times. The culture that has persisted at the VA constitutes an unacceptable insult and medical risk to the 22 million veterans who seek care. Women and men who have dedicated their lives in myriad ways to ensure our national security.

We applaud the actions underway in Congress to make much-needed reforms to the way VA provides health care services. However, as these bipartisan efforts proceed, we urge our leaders in Washington to ensure that the significant mental health needs of our veterans are not overlooked.

Veterans of all ages and backgrounds face significant mental health challenges. Anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders are widely present and often undiagnosed. The

VA reports an average of 22 suicides each day. Those preventable and tragic deaths rarely make headlines.

Numbers and statistics have contributed to lack of adequate treatment for veterans with mental illness or substance use disorders, including improper patient wait times and insufficient community resources. One significant factor is the chronic shortage of VA psychiatric physicians. In 2012 the VA Office of the Inspector General reported that the VA's "greatest challenge has been to hire and retain psychiatrists."

Current policy makes it extremely difficult for the VA to compete with other federal agencies and private entities in offering employment incentives, such as medical education loan repayment, to new hires. For example, of 128 permanent full-time VA positions advertised in September 2013, only 33 (25 percent) were eligible for medical school loan repayment. We believe what is needed is a new dedicated way of encouraging more psychiatrists to choose a career with the VA.

We strongly support the bipartisan Ensuring Veterans' Resiliability Act, introduced by Reps. Larry Bushon, R-Ind., and

David Scott, D-Ga., and Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska. This pilot initiative recruits a limited number of psychiatric physicians from the private sector to help with offering guaranteed competitive medical school loan forgiveness incentives. The bill aligns well with ongoing congressional efforts to make comprehensive reforms to the VA. As the House and Senate resolve their differences on the legislation they're working on, EVRA deserves worthy consideration for inclusion in any final conference agreement.

The longstanding problems at the VA have prompted a national outcry to provide our veterans that which we rightfully owe them: a robust health care delivery system. Such a system can be sustained only with a proper workforce in place — a workforce that can fully meet both the physical and mental health needs of its patients, both in hospitals and the community. EVRA enables us to build that system that will ensure the resiliency of all our veterans.

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## OPINION

## Gun laws as old as the Second Amendment

By MICHAEL WALDMAN

**A**s school shootings erupt with sickening regularity, Americans once again are debating gun laws. Quickly talk turns to the Second Amendment.

But what does it mean? History offers some surprises. It turns out in each era, the meaning is set not by some pristine constitutional text, but by the push and pull, the rough and tumble of public debate and political activism. And gun rights have always coexisted with responsibility.

At 27 words long, the provision is the shortest sentence in the U.S. Constitution. It reads: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Modern readers squint at its stray commas and confusing wording. The framers believed in freedom to punctuate.

It turns out that to the framers, the amendment principally focused on those "well regulated militias." These militias were not like anything we know now: Every adult man (eventually, every white man) served through their entire lifetime. They were actually required to own a gun, and bring it from home.

Think of the minutemen at Lexington and Concord, who did battle with the British army. These squads of citizen soldiers were seen as a bulwark against tyranny. When the Constitution was being debated, many Americans feared the new central government could crush the 13 state militias. Hence, the Second Amendment. It protected an individual right to fulfill the public responsibility of militia service.

What about today's gun rights debates? Surprisingly, there is not a single word about an individual right to a gun for self-defense in the notes from the Constitutional Convention; nor with scattered exceptions in the transcripts of the ratification debates in the states; nor on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives as it marked up the Second Amendment, where every single speaker talked about the militia. James Madison's original proposal even included

a conscientious objector clause: "No person religiously scrupulous of bearing arms shall be compelled to render military service in person."

To be clear, there were plenty of guns in the founding era. Americans felt they had the right to protect themselves, especially in the home, a right passed down from England through common law. But there were plenty of gun laws, too. Boston made it illegal to keep a loaded gun in a home, due to safety concerns. Laws governed the location of guns and gunpowder storage. New York, Boston and all cities in Pennsylvania prohibited the firing of guns within city limits. States imposed curbs on gun ownership. People deemed dangerous were barred from owning weapons. Pennsylvania disarmed Tory sympathizers.

That balance continued throughout our history, even in the Wild West. A historic photo of Dodge City, Kan., the legendary frontier town, shows a sign planted in the middle of its main street: "The Carrying of Fire Arms Strictly Prohibited." Few thought the Constitution had much to say about it.

Through much of history, this balance evoked little controversy. Even the National Rifle Association embraced it. Today the NRA is known for harsh anti-government rhetoric, but it was started to train former Union soldiers in marksmanship. In the 1930s, the court testified for the first federal gun law. In 1968, its American Rifleman magazine told its readers the NRA "does not necessarily approve of everything that goes 'Bang!'"

Of course, over the past three decades, the NRA shifted sharply. At the group's 1977 annual meeting, still remembered as the "Revolt at Cincinnati," moderate leaders were voted out and the organization was recast as a constitutional crusade.

Together with even more intense advocates, such as the Second Amendment Foundation, of Bellevue, Wash., they are quick to decry any gun laws as an assault on a core, sacred constitutional right. They waged a relentless constitutional campaign to change the way we see the amendment.

Remarkably, the first time the Supreme



Court ruled that the Second Amendment recognizes an individual right to gun ownership in 2008. The decision, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, rang loudly. But a close read shows that Justice Antonin Scalia and his colleagues make the familiar point that gun rights and responsibilities go together. The court said that, like all constitutional rights, there could be limits. "Nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms," Scalia wrote.

That's how judges have interpreted this constitutional right. Dozens of courts have examined gun laws since 2008. Overwhelmingly they have upheld them, despite the claims of gun rights attorneys. Yes, there is an individual right to gun ownership—but with rights come responsibilities. Society, too, has a right to safety, and there is a compelling public interest in

laws to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people.

To be sure, the final scope of the constitutional provision has not been determined. The Supreme Court has not spoken again. It is infallible because it is final, as Justice Robert Jackson once wrote, not final because it is infallible. But the greatest controversy revolves around issues such as the rules for carrying a gun outside the home. So what does the Second Amendment really mean? From the debate over the Constitution to today's gun fights, the answer is really up to us, to the people. That answer changes over time. But one thing has remained surprisingly constant: Americans cherish freedom, but believe passionately that rights demand responsibilities. It's hard to think of an area where that insight matters more than when it comes to ensuring that lethal weapons do not fall into the wrong hands.

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## Crisis at US-Mexico border a tragic preview of amnesty

By JIM DeMINT

**L**ast month, with thousands of children streaming across our southern border and thousands more detained in poor conditions, President Barack Obama declared the situation a "humanitarian crisis."

I agree. Yet Obama's concern would carry more weight if he hadn't helped bring about the crisis in the first place and if his plans for amnesty weren't going to make it worse.

The president's dishonest plea for billions more of taxpayer dollars makes little sense. As Heritage Foundation scholars David Issera and Romina Bocchia have noted, "Additional funding is not the solution to the U.S.'s immigration woes. Instead, the Obama administration should rescind its anti-enforcement policies that are contributing to this crisis in the first place." The president's request for more deficit spending is merely a ploy to lay the blame for this nightmare on Republicans in Congress.

The overwhelming surge of minors stems from a growing perception in Central and South America that the United States will never turn away children, mothers and

family units (after all, we don't even deport all convicted felons). This perception is correct. Court cases for children and adults alike are so backlogged that they are often sent to live with relatives or released to their own devices. Many do not show up for their court dates. Deportation deferrals, lax border security and a complete unwillingness to complicate matters of origin to take back deportees and handle their own affairs have all contributed to this reputation. Obama's permissive rhetoric and constant glorification of illegal immigration are the cherry on top.

If amnesty ever passes Congress—or if the executive branch forces it upon the country, the situation would be even worse. Congress tried amnesty in 1986, and sold it to the public as a one-and-done solution: Give illegal residents a pass, just this once, and our immigration woes will be over.

Of course, it had the opposite effect. The whole world watched as we abandoned our principles of fair play and lawful behavior, and here we are today. This is not only a matter of rewarding millions of people for breaking the law, it also teaches many millions more to do the same.

The White House policy of lawlessness has not freed immigrants so much as

trapped them. If they survive the thieves, murderers, human traffickers and rapists along their journey, they are placed in overcrowded detention centers. Reports of H1N1, scabies, chicken pox, staph infections, even tuberculosis have multiplied in the last few weeks. Tragedy turns to outrage as we hear that aid workers and physicians are being intimidated into silence by federally hired security personnel. These are not only unacceptable conditions for the detainees themselves, but present a major public health threat to our communities.

The compassionate thing to do is to enforce the law, secure the border and reform our legal system to deter human trafficking and encourage immigrants to come safely and legally. We should remove unnecessary barriers to becoming an American citizen for those who follow the law.

There are a lot of problems with many "reform" proposals—at least, any of the ones the president deems worthy—in no small part because they are enormous bills, bear zero credibility of enforcement, and are incredibly costly. If the president wants nearly \$4 billion to process 60,000 children who are here illegally, how much will he spend to process more than 11 million illegal immigrants under his amnesty

proposal?

Amnesty is most egregious, however, in encouraging more families to gamble that they won't end up sick, abused, imprisoned or dead along the way. It is neither charitable nor compassionate to encourage them to make this dangerous wager.

The men, women and children detained in camps near our border are human beings. They should be treated with kindness and returned safely to their countries of origin, not held in limbo as political pawns of the president. He created this situation by refusing to enforce the law while encouraging further illegal immigration in word and deed. Now he's trying to use this crisis as political leverage to impose amnesty upon an unwilling nation.

But what we see today is merely a preview of what amnesty will bring. It will establish a pattern that we are not serious about our laws. It will encourage more to undertake an arduous and unsafe journey in the expectation that they will be allowed to stay if they make it here. And it will be the next waves of immigrants the president entices who will suffer.

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## FACES

# Family man

Schreiber juggling many duties at home, on set

By RYAN PEARSON  
The Associated Press

Nothing is more important than family. That's what the stoic Hollywood fixer played by Liev Schreiber tells his wife in the second-season premiere of "Ray Donovan." While it's unclear whether his character believes his own words, Schreiber says that principle has shaped his career in recent years.

The actor has made it a priority to spend time with his two sons with longtime partner Naomi Watts — 6-year-old Sasha and 5-year-old Samuel. He set aside plans to direct again after 2005's "Everything Is Illuminated."

"It's amazing how insignificant everything else becomes," Schreiber, 46, said of his fatherhood. "It sounds romantic. But the reality is that you go brain dead for 2½, 3 years and slowly return to the world... You kind of lose all ambition."

"That's part of the thing about acting. It's so easy to follow the career path that's defined by the options presented to you," he said. "Where with directing or producing or writing, there is a lot more self-motivation at play there."

The actor looked as if he had mostly emerged from that haze during a recent shoot on the set of "Ray Donovan" in Calabasas, Calif. Schreiber was directing the episode, his first big outside of commercials in nine years. Sitting in a high folding chair, he reviewed a script on a MacBook Air, glancing up to watch cameras move into position on a monitor.



Showtime

Liev Schreiber, right, and Jon Voight are father and son in "Ray Donovan." Schreiber also directs the second-season premiere, which airs Friday on AFN-Spectrum.

"We're good. We're good. We're good," he announced. There was a pause. One actor was missing. "Oh right, that's me," he said with a tight smile, hopping up to take his mark for a scene in which Donovan confronts a music mogul and yells at his teenage daughter.

Schreiber says later he underestimated the difficulty of "pulling double duty" on the much-praised series, which weaves together stories of clergy sex abuse, unconventional family ties, violence, celebrity and Hollywood power brokers. The second season premieres Friday on AFN-Spectrum.

"In order to do it correctly, you have to watch playback after every take. I just hated stopping... to see my own performance," he said. "The hard part is directing without vision, when being able to see."

It's unclear what the future holds for "Ray Donovan," which also stars Jon Voight, Eddie Marsan and Paula Malcomson. (Voight won a Golden Globe this year for his unhinged performance as Donovan's father, Mickey.)

Schreiber and Watts have been splitting time between New York and Los Angeles in order to accommodate the shooting schedule. Schreiber says that's been tough on his family. He yearns to return to New York full-time.

"It's really demanding even when I'm not directing," he said. "I should be so lucky to have this opportunity, and to be leading a company like this is pretty special." However, he said, "to be honest, I would like to go home. I'm homesick. ... If we don't get picked up next year, is it a huge tragedy for me and my family? Absolutely not."

## 'Apes' atop box office with \$73M

The Associated Press

The monkey business is a good business to be in at the box office.

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" roared to \$73 million on its opening weekend, one of the summer's best debuts, according to studio estimates Sunday. The sequel easily surpassed the \$54.8 million opening to 2011's "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," the reboot of the fabled chimp franchise.

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" added \$31.1 million overseas from 26 markets, for a global opening gross of \$104.1 million.

After two weeks on top, the Michael Bay action sequel "Transformers: Age of Extinction" added \$16.5 million. Its three-week domestic total is now \$209 million.

The Melissa McCarthy comedy "Tammy" came in third with \$12.9 million. Though bad reviews have dampened the response to McCarthy's latest, the relatively low-budget release has made \$57.4 million in two weeks.

### Other news

■ Former "Saturday Night Live" star Tracy Morgan has been released from a rehabilitation facility as he heals from serious injuries he suffered in a car crash that left a fellow comedian dead, his spokesman said Saturday. The former "30 Rock" star suffered a broken leg and broken ribs when the limousine van he was riding in was hit from behind June 7 by a Wal-Mart truck on the New Jersey Turnpike.

■ Jenni Farley, better known as JWoww from "Jerry Shore," is a mom. MTV officials say Farley, 28, welcomed her first child, daughter Meilani Alexandra Mathews, Sunday in New Jersey. The child's father is Farley's fiancé, Roger Mathews.

■ Bobby Brown is leaving a reunion tour with the group New Edition to focus on his health. Brown, 45, was seen struggling to keep up with fellow New Edition members during a dance routine before leaving the stage in a video posted online of the group's July 2 show in Mississippi.

■ The last living member of the seminal punk rock band the Ramones has died. Tommy Ramone, born Erdelyi Tamas in Budapest, Hungary, died Friday at age 65, said Dave Frey, who works for Ramones Productions and Silent Partner Management. Frey had no further details.

■ Philadelphia rapper Meek Mill will go to prison for three to six months for violating his probation on a 2009 drug and gun case.

■ Bassist Charlie Haden died July 11 in Los Angeles of a prolonged illness. He was 76. Haden helped change the shape of jazz more than a half-century ago as a member of Ornette Coleman's groundbreaking quartet.

## News, notes from the TV critics' tour

### 'X-Files' auteur Carter back with new series

Largely absent from the scene since "The X-Files" series and films he masterminded years ago, Chris Carter is returning with a science-fiction thriller, "The After."

Arriving on the Amazon Prime website in early 2015, "The After" follows a group of strangers thrown together by a mysterious calamity that strikes Los Angeles and brings it to a panicked halt.

During a panel discussion Saturday, Carter said he resists the label of "post-apocalyptic" for what has befallen the city. "We are doing a show where something is happening, and we're playing it in real time."

The cast of the eight-hour first season includes Aldis Hodge, Andrew Howard, Arielle Kebbel, Louis Monot, Janie Lee Ortiz and Adam Rodriguez.

Amazon's slate of new original online fare also includes the drama-comedy "Transparent," starring Jeffrey Tambor as a man about to get a sex-change operation; "Mozart in the Jungle," a comedy about a symphony orchestra; and " Bosch," a detective drama starring Titus Welliver.

### NBC casts Walken as Captain Hook

NBC says Christopher Walken will play Captain Hook on the network's live version of "Peter Pan," to be aired stateside Dec. 4.

NBC Entertainment Chairman said Sunday that the Oscar-winning actor will bring his own spin to the role. Walken could create the first tap-dancing Captain Hook, Greenblatt said, noting the actor got his start in musical theater.

"Peter Pan Live!" is a follow-up to the success NBC found with a live version of "The Sound of Music" in 2013 with Carrie Underwood. Neil Meron and Craig Zadan, who produced The Sound of Music, are also working on "Peter Pan Live!"

### 'Better Call Saul' supporting cast named

Michael McKean is joining series star Bob Odenkirk in AMC's "Better Call Saul," the much-awaited prequel to "Breaking Bad" with Jonathan Banks, another star from that wildly popular

drama, also coming along.

Best-known from the film "This Is Spinal Tap," McKean will play the brother of Saul Goodman, the character originated in "Breaking Bad" by Odenkirk. Banks will continue in his role as "fixer" Mike Ehrmantraut.

Like cast members announced July 11 include Rheya Seehorn, Patrick Fabian and Michael Mando.

### Other news

■ Bill Cosby, 77, could be returning to the NBC network with a new comedy as soon as next summer. The series, described as a "classic, extended-family sitcom" with Cosby as the patriarch, is currently in the writing stage, NBC executives said. If the new Cosby project isn't ready for next summer, it could be a contender for fall 2015.

■ Television network Pivot is getting into scripted drama with a new TV series starring former Oscar nominee Stanley Tucci. The network plans to launch "Fortitude" in January with 12 one-hour episodes in which Tucci plays a detective in a small Arctic town. The local sheriff will be played by Richard Dormer, who's known for "Game of Thrones."

■ NBC says it's considering bringing back Maya Rudolph's variety show. In May, the actress-comedian starred in "The Maya Rudolph Show," a special that combined comedy and music. NBC executives said Sunday that they're in discussions with Rudolph.

■ Tabloid targets LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian are starting their own cable TV reality show, although the couple plans to keep Cibrian's two children out of it. "LeAnn & Eddie," an eight-episode series, will debut Thursday stateside on VH1.

■ Nicole Richie is going back to reality. The former star of "The Simple Life" with her childhood bestie Paris Hilton headlines her own show "Candily Nicole," debuting July 17 stateside on VH1. The eight 30-minute episodes are based on Richie's AOL online web series of the same name. Richie created the show and is an executive producer.

■ Members of Michael Jackson's extended family are stepping out of what they call "the Jackson bubble" for a reality show. The six-episode show, debuting Nov. 18 stateside on Reelz, focuses on Alejandra Jackson, the ex-wife of Michael's brother Jermaine, and her five children.

## SHIFTING GEARS



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The black 1977 Pontiac Trans Am driven by Burt Reynolds in the 1977 movie "Smokey and the Bandit" is celebrated in the annual Bandit Run.

# It's all about the car

## Annual Bandit Run celebrates the real star of 'Smokey and the Bandit'

By LARRY PRINTZ

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — To a generation of adolescent boys with Farrah Fawcett posters on their bedroom walls, the 1977 Pontiac Trans Am nature was every bit as sexy as the buxom blonde, an image burnished by the 1977 film "Smokey and the Bandit."

For those of you who haven't seen it — and there may be some — the movie concerns a truck driver named Snowman and his efforts to haul an illegal load of Coors beer from Texarkana, Texas, to Atlanta. At the time, Coors couldn't legally be sold east of the Mississippi River. Snowman's advance man, Bandit, plays the decoy for police to allow Snowman to slip by undetected.

While actors Burt Reynolds, Sally Field, Jackie Gleason and Jerry Reed add much to the proceedings, the picture's greatest star didn't receive any billing: the black 1977 Pontiac Trans Am decorated in gold stripes with a thunder chicken decal on its hood, driven by Reynolds.

"It came out the same week that 'Star Wars' was released," remembered Dave Hall, of Lincoln, Neb. "If I wasn't seeing 'Star

Wars,' I was seeing 'Smokey and the Bandit.' It is definitely one of my favorite movies for sure."

So much so that in 2006, Hall, the owner of Restore A Muscle Car restoration shop, hatched a plan over dinner with one of his customers, David Hersey. They would recreate the movie's chase from Texas to Georgia in com-

"You know, it's all about having fun and being on the road," said Hall, standing near a recreation of Snowman's tractor-trailer. "I have people here from Florida and Texas who took several days just to get up to our starting point up in Carlisle. And they drove them the whole way."

For some, such passion is hard to imagine for a movie that was unanimously panned by critics upon its release. So it's worth considering that the public embraced the film, so much so that it earned \$126 million and went on to spawn two sequels. Even more remarkably, it was nominated for an Academy Award and a Golden Globe.

For participants of The Bandit Run, none of that cultural cross matters; for them, the car is the star.

"We have a blast," said Drew Demarco, of Baltimore, standing beside his 1981 Pontiac Trans Am SE. "The cars are quite a show, but they almost become a by-product because of the friendships you make. It's a great thing."

"Car people are good people," said Larry Smith, a farmer from Franklin, Ill., who owns a 2002 Trans Am, the final year of pro-

duction. "Any car event that we've ever been involved in is just like this," Smith said. "It's not different; it's just unique because it's one car."

Like the movie, The Bandit Run welcomes everyone; the price of entry is not steep. Participants pay \$90 to join the run; hotels, food and fuel are extra.

It's that last part that can get pricey. Given that a 1977 Pontiac Trans Am returns 13 mpg at best, and cars travel as much as 300 miles between stops, a daily fuel bill can easily eat up the best part of \$100.

You don't have to own a 1977-81 Trans Am to participate; any car or truck can partake, although 90 percent of the vehicles are Trans

Ams, according to Hall.

Then there are the breakdowns.

"Definitely, we're going to have something, somewhere along the line," Hall said. "It's a mechanical item that we're driving and you're going to have problems. It's just a part of it."

For his part, Hall brings along a chase truck and trailer, although it doesn't hurt that many drive-line parts are easily obtained at any auto parts store. "We'll try to handle what we can," he said.

For these fans, the camaraderie of the event has as much allure as the car or the movies.

"We know people from all over the world now," Smith said. "It's a family."



memoration of the film's 30th anniversary. And so was launched The Bandit Run in 2007.

Now in its eighth year, the event still attracts more than 100 cars and their owners on an annual trek somewhere in the United States. This year, the Run finished in Myrtle Beach, S.C., having started at the GM Nationals in Carlisle, Pa.

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# MAKING GOOD ON A PROMISE

## DC community tries new approach to tackle poverty

BY KIMBERLEY HEFLING ■ *The Associated Press*

**R**esidents of the Kenilworth-Parkside neighborhood have long heard promises about a better life to come.

The promise of a new recreation center. The promise of owning their public housing units. The promise of better schools so their children don't have to scatter far from home to escape a long history of subpar education in the neighborhood.

All promises unfulfilled.

Then, the DC Promise Neighborhood Initiative put down a stake with a new promise: to tackle generational poverty with a fresh approach.

With a \$28 million Education Department Promise Neighborhood grant and support from former Secretary of State Colin Powell and his wife, Alma, the initiative offers services to both parents and children. It stems from research that shows that as a parent's level of education improves, so does a child's prospects.

Modeled after the Harlem Children's Zone in New York, "promise neighborhoods" are being planned or are underway in at least 20 states.

In Kenilworth-Parkside, helping children get a good education is a primary focus, but it's the adults they must first engage. Many are skeptical.

A mother of four, Taryn Tymus, 38, is proud to call this predominantly black neighborhood home. But she doesn't hesitate to point out the downsides: a six-lane highway families must cross to get to a subway station; the high-priced Kenilworth Market, robbed so many times that cinderblocks now cover the backdoor; teenagers having babies; the violence.

Tymus said she warns young men to stay out of trouble. "It hurt, when they really go down like that," she said.

Here, single mothers run nearly 90 percent of households with children.

Things haven't always felt so bleak.

"We were poor but we didn't know we were poor because we always had something to eat and some place to stay," says Claudette Brown, one of eight siblings who were among the first residents of Ke-

nilworth Courts when it opened in 1959.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the neighborhood's problems attracted the interest of Jack Kemp, the New York congressman and later U.S. housing secretary.

Working with resident Kimi Gray, he helped orchestrate a high-profile federal effort to turn public housing in Kenilworth over to residents to manage and eventually own. The personal ownership plans never fully materialized, and while residents still manage a section of the housing, the District of Columbia Housing Authority had to step in and bail it out.

Residents were hopeful in 2010 when they were told a new community center would be built. But that plan was derailed by environmental contaminants.

Then, three years later came news that Kenilworth Elementary was to close.

Meanwhile, the promise neighborhood initiative was moving forward. It was the brainchild of Irasema Salcido, founder of the Cesar Chavez Public Charter School, which opened a middle- and high school campus in the neighborhood in 2005. She quickly discovered that children were performing below grade-level in math and reading.

At a ladies' coffee, Salcido joined forces with Alma Powell, head of the board of directors for America's Promise Alliance.

The initiative set up shop in the abandoned Kenilworth school building and converted former classrooms into computer labs and children's play areas. The old gym became a boxing training area with a ring.

Computer training for adults was started and a parent resource center opened. After-school programming provided children with homework help, hip-hop dancing, boxing and digital media learning.

"We have a second chance to get it right," said Sharita Slayton, a community liaison.

Residents were leery.

"A lot of people come, but they don't stay," said Kenya McKeever.

At the after-school center, boxing coach Umar

Abdus-Salaam keeps a watchful eye on the 10 sons. He takes all the boys home not just to boxing matches but also on fishing and to sporting events.

He preaches about the value of being a father, and staying out of prison. "We have to try to live an adult life without entering the system," said Abdus-Salaam, a city bus driver.

Tate said the coach has been a father figure to his sons. "Being a mom, there are certain things you do that a man can do, so he helps me," she said.

Powell said she was delighted when the one program produced digital media campaign preventing teenage pregnancy. In one, a 14-year-old boy dressed as a baby to illustrate how parenthood is.

"Many of them don't know how to be a father because they didn't have one," she said. "They're normal to walk away."

Initiative leaders know it takes much more than after-school programs to transform a neighborhood. All "promise neighborhoods" must carefully track data about the communities they serve, as well as successes or failures of what they're doing. That requires partnerships with many organizations to address multiple needs that can be addressed at once.

But it's still too early to judge what's working. The initiative will receive federal grant dollars starting in 2017.

One of the top programs that has yet to start is a personal assistant to about 100 of the neighborhood's neediest families. That personal assistant would advise them in all aspects of their lives, such as how to enter school lotteries, enroll in a GED program or find a pediatrician.

"I wish we had made a bigger difference," said Wendy Tate, who is on the initiative's board chairperson.

Salcido said one of her students told her parents cannot see beyond the poverty and give generations that have marked lives here for so long.

The children, that student said, can.

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**Left:** Children walk to an apartment building in the Kenilworth-Parkside neighborhood of Washington.

**Below:** Taryn Tynus, a mother of four and artist who sells homemade jewelry, is proud to call Kenilworth-Parkside home, but acknowledges its many downsides.



PHOTOS BY CHARLES DHARAPAN/R/P

**Umar Abdus-Salaam, left, is a city bus driver who also serves as a father figure to Leonte Tate, 6, right, and many of the Kenilworth-Parkside boys he coaches in the boxing gym made possible through the DC Promise Neighborhood Initiative.**



**Above:** Former Secretary of State Colin Powell visits a classroom at Educare, a school for young, at-risk kids in Kenilworth-Parkside.

**Left:** Zyheira Scroggins, 9, left, and Camaria Gray, 9, use the computer lab at the DC Promise Neighborhood Initiative after-school center.

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Study: Bosses lead staff in cyberslacking

By Jena McGregor  
The Washington Post

Anyone who's ever tried to hide their Facebook use at work should take heart in this news: Your boss may be looking at social media during office hours more than you are.

A new study by researchers in Norway, published recently in the Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication, surveyed more than 11,000 employees about their views on cyberslacking at work. It found that top-level managers were more likely to disapprove of looking at social media sites during office hours, despite research that has shown its advantages. Yet they also reported spending significantly more time on such sites at work than those who sit lower on the pecking order.

Why the contradiction? The researchers weren't sure, but they speculated in a piece posted on an Association for Psychological Science blog that it could be because top managers have relatively lon-



**A new study on social media use in the workplace speculates that one reason managers spend more time than their employees on social media sites is because they feel they can get away with it.**

ger working hours. Also possible: They may be more interested in social media as a way of promoting their careers than those who are in nonmanagerial roles. Or — perhaps most likely — they're less fearful of losing their jobs.

The survey asked the respondents a variety of other questions about their Facebook and Twitter use at work, such as what kind of

restrictions their employers put on the sites (the numbers suggest such policies actually work). It also examined how respondents' age, gender and personality type affect how much they are willing to cyberloaf. Unsurprisingly, younger people are more apt to use social media at work, as are single people and people with higher education levels. Men, the study found,

spend more time on social media at work than women do.

The study also claims to be the first to look at what kind of personality types check social media most often on the job. The researchers asked a few personality questions in the survey to help label the respondents as one of five personality types: extroverted, neurotic, agreeable, conscientious or introverted/imagination. Extroverts and neurotics were most likely to say they think it's OK to spend time on Facebook and Twitter at work; they also reported actually spending more time doing so.

Finally, the survey asked people about the demands and challenges of their jobs. Those who had heavy workloads and those who said their days were filled with interesting challenges reported using social media less. But while it's encouraging to hear that meaningful work might help keep people on task, it also makes us wonder about those top managers. Either they don't have enough work to do, or they're bored.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (July 15)	\$1.3978
Dollar buys (July 15)	\$9.7154
British pound (July 15)	\$1.75
Japanese yen (July 15)	99.00
South Korean won (July 15)	993.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.7076
Canada (Dollar)	1.0735
China (Yuan)	6.2063
Denmark (Krone)	6.4746
Egypt (Pound)	7.1506
Euro	\$1.3621/1.7342
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.501
Hungary (Forint)	227.29
Israel (Shekel)	3.4283
Japan (Yen)	101.58
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2820
Norway (Krone)	6.1728
Philippines (Peso)	43.52
Poland (Zloty)	3.304
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2407
South Korea (Won)	1,019.68
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8918
Thailand (Baht)	32.14
Turkey (Lira)	11.1192

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., not U.S. dollars), the rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.01
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	3.34

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ableene, Texas	91	71	Cl	Chattanooga	83	61	Rain	Fort Wayne	69	53	PCldy	Louisville	77	59	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	73	53	PCldy	Chicago	76	53	Cl	Fresno	103	74	Cl	Lubbock	67	47	Cl
Albuquerque	89	68	Cl	Cincinnati	74	55	PCldy	Goodland	73	56	Cl	Macon	89	71	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	84	63	Cl	Cleveland	71	55	PCldy	Grand Rapids	65	54	Cl	Medford	106	71	Rain
Amarillo	89	68	Cl	Colorado Springs	80	56	Cl	Great Falls	80	56	Cl	Memphis	82	62	Cl
Anchorage	69	54	Cl	Columbia, S.C.	92	71	Rain	Greensboro, N.C.	86	65	Rain	Midland-Odesa	93	72	PCldy
Asheville	85	68	Rain	Columbus, Ga.	88	71	Rain	Harrisburg	82	62	Rain	Milwaukee	68	54	Cl
Atlanta	85	68	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	74	55	PCldy	Hartford	83	67	Rain	Mpls-St Paul	71	55	PCldy
Atlantic City	86	70	Rain	Concord, N.H.	81	66	Rain	Hattiesburg	87	67	Rain	Missoula	87	55	Cl
Baltimore	86	70	Rain	Corpus Christi	97	76	Cl	Helena	82	57	Cl	Mobile	88	76	Rain
Baton Rouge	86	70	Rain	Dallas-Ft Worth	92	72	Cl	Honolulu	88	76	Rain	Montgomery	87	68	Rain
Birmingham	83	61	Rain	Dayton	72	53	PCldy	Houston	94	75	Cl	Nashville	81	59	Cl
Bismarck	74	52	Cl	Daytona Beach	82	76	Rain	Indianapolis	85	60	Rain	New Orleans	89	75	Rain
Boise	96	67	Cl	Denver	83	58	Cl	Jacksonville	73	55	Cl	New York City	84	69	Rain
Boston	82	69	Rain	Des Moines	72	55	Cl	Juneau	66	50	PCldy	Norfolk, Va.	91	72	Rain
Bridgeport	82	69	Rain	Duluth	67	46	PCldy	Kansas City	74	54	Cl	North Platte	73	55	PCldy
Brownsville	94	76	PCldy	El Paso	97	76	PCldy	Knoxville	82	60	Cl	Okahoma City	82	63	Cl
Buffalo	72	56	Cl	Elkins	75	53	Rain	Lake Charles	90	75	Cl	Omaha	74	54	Cl
Burlington, Vt.	77	64	Cl	Evansville	95	57	Cl	Lake Erie	91	75	Cl	Orlando	93	75	Rain
Caribou, Maine	77	64	Cl	Fairbanks	62	51	Rain	Lansing	65	52	Cl	Padsuah	77	57	Cl
Charleston, S.C.	93	73	Cl	Fargo	71	51	Cl	Las Vegas	100	84	Cl	San Jose	84	64	Cl
Charleston, W.Va.	79	55	Cl	Flagstaff	79	57	Rain	Lincoln	76	63	Cl	Sancti Fe	85	61	Cl
Charlotte, N.C.	88	66	Rain	Fort Smith	82	61	PCldy	Little Rock	84	66	PCldy	St Louis	81	61	Cl
								Los Angeles	84	66	PCldy	Savannah	94	73	Rain
												Seattle	87	63	Cl
												Shreveport	90	68	Cl

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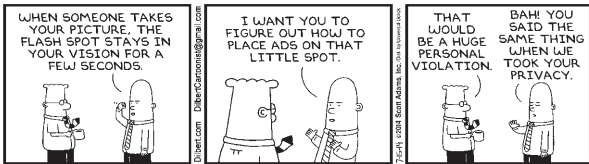
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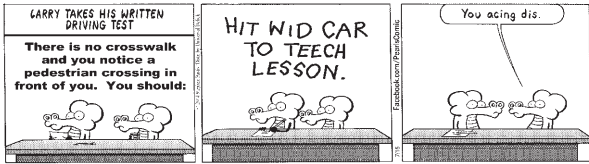
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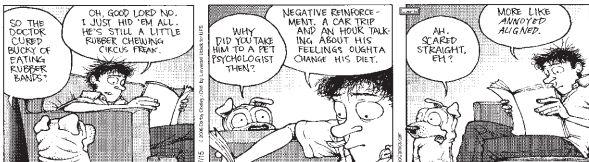
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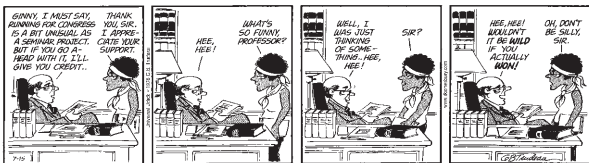
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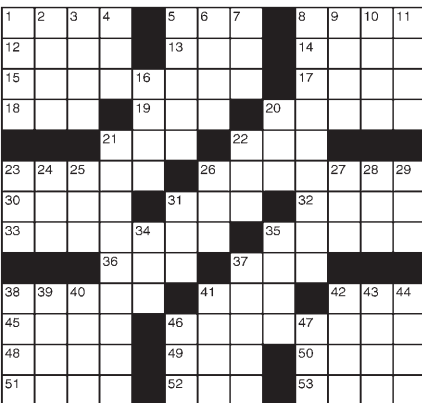
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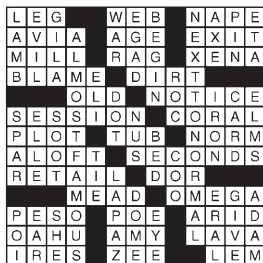
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## GOLF/SPORTS BRIEFS



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**Mo Martin of the U.S. celebrates after finishing her round on the 18th green at the Women's British Open at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, in Southport, England, on Sunday.**

## Briefly

# Nibali wins 10th stage of Tour as Contador quits

The Associated Press

**PLANCHER-LES-MINES, France** — Italy's Vincenzo Nibali stamped his dominance on the Tour de France by winning the 10th stage in the Vosges mountains on Monday — shortly after his biggest rival for the title, two-time champion Alberto Contador, crashed out due to injury.

Nibali, the Astana team leader, also regained the overall race lead from France's Tony Gallopin — who had taken the leader's yellow jersey from the Italian a day earlier — in the 100-mile trek from Mulhouse to La Planchette des Belles Filles in the eastern Vosges mountains.

With a final burst of speed in the last 1.2 miles, Nibali overtook breakaway rider Joaquim Rodriguez. The Spaniard, hearing bad as Nibali overtook him, caught back up briefly but then the Italian accelerated brutally with less than a mile to go.

By the end, Nibali crossed 15 seconds ahead of France's

Thibault Pinot in second and Spain's Alejandro Valverde in third, a further five seconds behind. The Italian recovers the yellow jersey that he wore for seven days after he won the Tour's second stage in the hills of Yorkshire in northern England.

With Contador out, Nibali is now the favorite to win his first Tour. He has already won the Italian Giro and the Spanish Vuelta — cycling's other "Grand Tours" — along with the Tour de France. Overall, he leads second-placed Richie Porte of Australia by nearly 2½ minutes, with Valverde, who is third, almost 3 minutes back.

Crashes have taken a heavy toll this year.

The departure of Contador, a 31-year-old Spaniard with Tinkoff-Saxo Bank, follows that of defending champion Chris Froome of Britain who crashed out in Stage 5. Before the race began this year, Froome and Contador were seen as the top two favorites. In Stage 1, British sprinting star

## Golf roundup

## Magical shot on 18 makes Martin a major champion

The Associated Press

**SOUTHPORT, England** — Mo Martin hit the best shot of her life, and it made her a major champion in the Women's British Open.

From the middle of the fairway on the par-5 18th hole at Royal Birkdale on Sunday, Martin ripped a 3-wood that she first thought was too short, and then worried might be too long. It turned out to be close to perfect. The ball hit the middle of the pin and settled 6 feet away from an eagle.

"When it was rolling on the ground, I said, 'Sit!' And then I said, 'Go!' And it looked perfect, so I didn't have anything more to say," Martin said.

And then came a sound she won't soon forget.

"I heard it hit the pin from the fairway," Martin said, the silver trophy at her side. "That was a pretty fun feeling."

An hour later, that turned out to be the winning shot for the 31-year-old American when Inbee Park and Shanshan Feng could not stay under par.

Martin is among the shortest hitters in the game, and won with an eagle — her first of the year. It took her six years just to reach the LPGA Tour, and her first victory in her 64th tournament came in a major championship. She closed with an even-par 72 on a day so tough that no one broke par.

Martin was the only player to break par for the championship, finishing at 1-under 287 for a one-shot victory over Feng and Suzann Pettersen.

**U.S. Senior Open:** Colin Montgomerie won a three-hole playoff against Gene Sauers to win the U.S. Senior Open title at Oak Tree National in Edmond, Okla.

Both entered the playoff at 5 under. Montgomerie entered the third extra hole with a one-shot lead, then made a putt on No. 18 to par the hole and claim the win.

Montgomerie became the fifth golfer to win both the Senior PGA Championship and U.S. Senior Open in the same year. He led at the end of the first and second days of the Senior Open, but entered the

final round four shots behind Sauers and shot a 2-under 69 to force the playoff.

It was the first playoff at a U.S. Senior Open since 2002, when Don Pooley beat Tom Watson in a five-hole playoff.

**John Deere Classic:** Brian Harman won his first PGA Tour title on Sunday, using three straight birdie putts in the final five holes to pull away from veteran Zach Johnson to win the John Deere Classic at Silvis, Ill.

Harman had a 5-under 66 in the final round for a 22-under-262 total and a one-stroke victory over Johnson to win \$846,000, along with the last exemption for next week's British Open.

Harman, a 27-year-old Georgian in his third full season on the PGA Tour, withstood Johnson's challenge by making three birdies beginning at No. 14 to get to 23 under with two holes to play. Johnson, playing four pairs ahead of Harman, birdied the 17th to get within a stroke, but ran out of holes.

Jhonattan Vegas raced into a tie for third with a closing 65, ending up tied with Jerry Kelly at 265. Scott Brown and Tim Clark tied for fifth at 266.

**Scottish Open:** Justin Rose won the Scottish Open by two shots after a final round of 6-under 65, sealing back-to-back victories either side of the Atlantic and bolstering his confidence ahead of next week's British Open.

The 2013 U.S. Open champion turned the last day into a procession, rolling in six birdies and going bogey-free on a windless Royal Aberdeen links course in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Unheralded Swede Kristoffer Broberg finished second on 14 under after a 66. That secured him a place at the British Open at Hoylake, along with other top-10 finishers Tyrrell Hatton and Scott Jamieson.

Rose, who started the day tied for the lead with Marc Warren, eased to a first win in Europe since 2007 and backed up his victory at the Quicken Loans National at Congressional last month.

Heat, said Herb Ruddy, one of Deng's agents.

The deal includes a player option for the 2015-16 season, Ruddy said.

Deng is entering his 11th NBA season, having spent almost his entire career with the Chicago Bulls. He appeared in 40 games with the Cleveland Cavaliers after a trade last season. He fills a need in Miami, which lost LeBron James last week after the four-time NBA MVP said he would leave the Heat after four seasons and return to the Cavaliers.

In other NBA news: ■ Chandler Parsons is going to the Dallas Mavericks after the Houston Rockets decided not to match the restricted free agent's three-year offer sheet worth more than \$45 million.

The 6-foot-9 small forward signed the offer sheet early Thursday, only minutes after the NBA's moratorium on signing free agents ended. Houston had until Sunday to match.

■ The Detroit Pistons have

agreed to deals with free agents Caron Butler and D.J. Augustin, according to a person familiar with the situation.

The team is set to pay Butler \$4.5 million next season, with an option for 2015-16. Augustin will make \$6 million over two years.

### Former boxer Holm signs with UFC

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — The world's former No. 1-rated female boxer has signed with the Ultimate Fighting Championship, setting up a possible bout between two of the top global women athletes.

UFC President Dana White tweeted last week that Albuquerque fighter Holly Holm has agreed to terms with the world's largest mixed martial arts promotion.

Fans hope Holm's signing means an eventual fight with UFC women's bantamweight champion Ronda Rousey.

### Deng agrees to 2-year deal with Heat

Free agent forward Luol Deng agreed Sunday to a \$20 million, two-year deal with the Miami

# AUTO RACING



Jim Cole/AP

Brad Keselowski (2) leads during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday in Loudon, N.H. Keselowski went on to win the race.

## Keselowski dominates in New Hampshire win

By DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Brad Keselowski hopped out of his car and grabbed an oversized broom to give a playful sweep of all the confetti already collected around his Ford.

He then truly savored his victory, snagging a New England lobster and raising it in triumph.

Keselowski survived without a cut, splinter or pinch. He didn't even fumble his championship crustacean. For once, his victory celebration was as perfect as his performance on the track.

He completed a flawless weekend at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and won Sunday under a green-white checkered finish. Keselowski followed up Saturday's Nationwide Series win with his first Sprint Cup victory at New Hampshire, dominating in the No. 2 Ford for his third win of the season.

The 2012 Sprint Cup champion is now tied with Jimmie Johnson for the series lead in wins.

"This was just such a phenomenal weekend and these don't happen that often," he said.

Keselowski had been in a slump with, of all things, his Victory Lane fun.

He needed four stitches to close a wound he received during his Victory Lane celebration in the Sprint Cup race at Kentucky. He tried to open the bottle of champagne by hitting it against a podium, and the bottle broke and cut his hand.

Keselowski dropped the American flag out of his No. 22 Ford on Saturday and it was retrieved by an official to let the frivolity continue. He joked he brought Kevlar-reinforced gloves that were touted as cut-proof. It's a good thing — the



CHERYL SENTER/AP

Brad Keselowski celebrates with his girlfriend, Paige White, holding a lobster, in Victory Lane.

New Hampshire winner traditionally receives a live lobster in Victory Lane.

"Apparently, I've got to win more and I'll get better at it," he said. "I think everybody got to hold the lobster. We're looking forward to eating the lobster later this week. I hear they're going to overnight the meat."

He'll get a taste of Loudon the Lobster — yes, that's its name — a 20-pounder caught off the coast of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

And Keselowski won driving the Redd's Apple Ford Fusion, truly making the win a Redd Lobster photo opp.

Keselowski keeps piling up wins and has proved he may be even better than he was during '12 championship run.

"I think in a lot of ways, we're stronger than that," he said. "I don't think we've had this much speed before."

After the last caution came with

four laps left, Keselowski pulled away on the final restart to become the first driver to sweep the weekend in track history. He had the fastest car most of the weekend, often leading the speed charts during both Sprint Cup practices on Saturday.

"You can't have a great car if you don't have the best driver," team owner Roger Penske said. "I can tell you today, there was nobody that could beat him."

Keselowski and Dale Earnhardt Jr. clinched spots in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, provided they attempt to qualify for the final seven races before the cutoff.

Pole sitter Kyle Busch was second. Kyle Larson, Matt Kenseth and Ryan Newman completed the top five.

Busch said the No. 18 Toyota never had enough to mount a serious challenge.

Keselowski led 138 of 305 laps (four more than the scheduled 301) and helped Ford to its fourth straight win. Ford last won four straight Sprint Cup races in 2001.

Clint Bowyer, Tony Stewart, Denny Hamlin, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., and Dale Earnhardt Jr. rounded out the top 10.

Johnson, the six-time NASCAR champion, was knocked out of the race early after two rear left tire issues. The first time the tire was flat; the second time, the tire exploded and slammed the No. 48 Chevrolet into the fence. He finished 42nd.

"The tires failed in a manner consistent of low inflation pressure," Greg Stucker, Goodyear's director of racing, said.

Four fully functioning tires might not have helped even Johnson catch Keselowski.

"I think we have a lot of potential still left in our team," he said.

## Shepherd accident raises age question

By DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Morgan Shepherd's senior status has become an age-old problem in NASCAR.

Just how much longer can the 72-year-old driver race?

Considerably older and slower than any driver on the track, the 72-year-old Shepherd took out contender Joey Logano in the second half of Sunday's race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Shepherd's No. 33 Chevrolet was about 15 laps off the pace

when he connected with Logano. Logano was running second with less than 100 laps left when he got tangled up with Shepherd and they crashed. Logano was forced to the garage. Shepherd completed 278 of the 305 laps and was 39th.

"I feel like there should be a driver's test before you get out in a Cup car and make sure you know how to drive before you drive one," Logano said.

Shepherd extended his mark as the oldest driver to start a race in NASCAR's Sprint Cup series.

He made his Cup debut in 1970 and won four times in NASCAR's top series. He finished as high as fifth in the final standings in 1990 and hadn't started a Cup race since 2006. He last ran a full season in 1996.

Jim Fitzgerald was 65 when he raced in the 1987 Cup race at Riverside International Raceway. James Hylton is the oldest driver to start a NASCAR race. He was 76 for the 2011 Truck Series race at Pocono.

NASCAR has no age limit.

Shepherd finished 43rd at Phoenix in his only other race of the season.

NASCAR official Robin Pemberton said as long as Shepherd passed his physical, and his car passed inspection and qualified, he was free to drive.

"He met everything he needed to meet," said Pemberton, NASCAR's vice president of competition. "He was above minimum speed. He pulled over to let Joey go by and it's a responsibility for all competitors. Everybody has a responsibility to lay off each other."

**"I feel like there should be a driver's test before you get out in a Cup car and make sure you know how to drive before you drive one."**

Joey Logano  
NASCAR driver

"It's an accident. Those things happen. It could happen to anybody. It could happen with any competitor."

Logano wasn't interested in any defense of Shepherd.

"It is just dumb that it happened," he said. "I feel like that should be stuff that shouldn't happen at this level of racing."

Team Penske teammate Brad Keselowski won the race. Owner Roger Penske said Shepherd was a good friend who deserved to continue racing.

"That's the great thing about the sport, if you want to tee it up here, bring your car and have a team, we let them run," Penske said. "I don't feel bad about it other than the fact that Joey got knocked out."

Shepherd, who often drives in a Racing With Jesus car, was unrepentant. Without a chance of fielding a competitive ride, he still had no plans of calling it a career.

"Was he the only guy who wrecked?," Shepherd asked. "That answers that."



Jim Cole/AP

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## MLB

## NL roundup

## Werth's 4 RBIs lead Nationals by Phils

The Associated Press

**PHILADELPHIA** — The Washington Nationals are just where they want to be at the All-Star break: atop the NL East.

Jayson Werth homered and drove in four runs and Tanner Roark pitched seven strong innings to lead Washington to a 10-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday.

Ryan Zimmerman also went deep and had two RBIs, Ian Desmond knocked in two runs, and Anthony Rendon had three hits and an RBI for Washington.

"If you told us earlier we'd be in this spot at this time, everybody would feel good," Werth said. "We're healthy now and we kept our heads above water. I like where we are."

The Nationals (51-42) won the last two games of the series and entered the break in a virtual tie with Atlanta (52-43) for the NL East lead.

"We're right in the thick of the division," Nationals manager Matt Williams said. "This is a great way to finish up the first half. It's momentum for us."

The Phillies finished a forgettable first half in familiar fashion, producing little offense against Roark and Ross Detwiler. Philadelphia scored two unearned runs off Aaron Barrett in the ninth to end with three runs or fewer for the 49th time this season.

"We didn't get anything going on the offensive side of things," manager Ryne Sandberg said.

The Phillies dropped to 8-41 overall and 2-29 in their last 31 games when failing to score four runs. Cody Asche had two doubles and an RBI for Philadelphia, which fell 10 games behind Washington.

It was the second straight defeat for Philadelphia after a five-game winning streak in which the Phillies averaged 6.2 runs. They had no answers for Roark (8-6), who allowed a run and four hits. He struck out six and walked none.

"I pitched with confidence," Roark said. "I didn't nibble."

Kyle Kendrick (4-9) continued his pattern of struggling in the first inning and then pitching well.

Werth followed consecutive singles by Denard Span and Rendon to lead off the game with an opposite-field shot that quickly made it 3-0. But Kendrick settled down and retired 14 straight batters until Roark's two-out single in the fifth.

The Phillies couldn't recover. "It was a tough tone set for us early on in the game, and we didn't bounce back from that," Sandberg said.

**Braves 10, Cubs 7:** Chris Johnson had three hits, including his third homer in two days, as Atlanta beat host Chicago Cubs to stay in a virtual tie with Washington for first place in the NL East.

**Reds 6, Pirates 2:** Kris Negron hit his first career home run, and All-Star Todd Frazier added a two-run shot as host Cincinnati rolled into the break with a win.

**Mets 9, Marlins 1:** Jacob deGrom hit a tiebreaking single and again shut down the Marlins with seven impressive innings, and David Wright doubled twice and drove in two runs as host New York Mets completed a three-game sweep of Miami.

**Browers 11, Cardinals 2:** Elian Herrera got five hits while filling in for mourning shortstop Jean Segura as host Milwaukee ended a seven-game losing streak by routing St. Louis.

**Dodgers 1, Padres 0:** Ryu Hyun-jin struck out 10 and out-pitched first-time All-Star Tyson Ross, and Yaseli Puig singled home the only run in Los Angeles' win over visiting San Diego.

## Interleague

**Twins 13, Rockies 5:** Brian Dozier cranked up for the Home Run Derby at the All-Star Game with two homers as visiting Minnesota beat Colorado.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

The Washington Nationals' Jayson Werth follows through after hitting a three-run homer off Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Kyle Kendrick in the first inning on Sunday in Philadelphia. Werth finished with four RBIs as the Nationals won 10-3.



PHOTOS BY BEN MARGOT/AP

San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey, left, connects on a grand slam off the Arizona Diamondbacks' Vidal Nuno in the fifth inning. Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner, right, hit one of his own in San Francisco's 8-4 win on Sunday in San Francisco.

## Battery power ignites Giants

Pitcher Bumgarner, catcher Posey both hit grand slams in win

BY RICK EYMER

The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Madison Bumgarner was so enthused by seeing Buster Posey hit a grand slam, he did the same thing the next inning.

Bumgarner became the first pitcher in 48 years to hit two grand slams in a season and Posey also hit a slam Sunday that boosted the San Francisco Giants over the Arizona Diamondbacks 8-4 at AT&T Park.

"Everybody was excited to get a big hit like that," Bumgarner said of Posey. "That put us back in the lead. That's what big-time players do and he's a good one already."

Bumgarner also got into the record books a second time. He and Posey and became the first batterymates in major league history to hit grand slams in the same game.

"That's pretty cool," Bumgarner said. "This game is full of strange statistics. It seems like there is a first every day. It's crazy to get that many opportunities as a pitcher."

A double by Bumgarner helped set up Posey's slam in the fifth. Bumgarner homered the next in-

ning — he also hit a slam on April 11 against Colorado.

"All we could do was shake our heads," Posey said. "I was asking Rags (Dave Righetti) if any pitcher had ever hit two slams in the same season."

The last pitcher to hit two slams in a season was Tony Cloninger, who hit both in the same game for Atlanta on July 3, 1966, against the Giants at Candlestick Park.

Diamondbacks catcher Tuffy Gosewisch came out to talk to Matt Stites about how they were going to pitch to Bumgarner.

"Everybody knows he's a good hitter," Gosewisch said. "I wanted to go first pitch fastball down and away and it just ran back over the plate."

Bumgarner (10-7) threw 6½ innings to end a personal three-game losing streak. He gave up four runs and 10 hits, striking out five. Vidal Nuno (0-1) allowed four runs and six hits in five innings during his second start with Arizona.

The Giants finished the first half by winning five of nine. That followed a stretch of 18 losses in 23 games that cost them their lead in the NL West.

"The challenge for us is to look at the overall record," Posey said. "We're still in a good spot. We have to go forward."

Cody Ross hit a two-run homer for Arizona, which is 5-8 in its past 13 games. Martin Prado had three hits and drove in a run.

Nuno, acquired from the New York Yankees in a trade for Brandon McCarthy, had not allowed a run in his first 11 innings with Arizona before Posey's slam.

Bumgarner escaped a perilous sixth because of some fancy defensive plays, including his own.

Evan Lincecum and Prado each singled to start the inning. With Paul Goldschmidt batting,

## Did you know

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SOURCE: The Associated Press

Bumgarner caught Incarte taking off for third for the first out.

Right fielder Hunter Pence tracked down Goldschmidt's drive one step before slamming into the fence and third baseman Pablo Sandoval made a diving stop of Mark Trumbo's sharp grounder to end the inning.

Nuno breezed through the first four innings before running into trouble in the fifth. Bumgarner's one-out double started the rally. Pence was hit by a pitch and Sandoval, who had three hits, singled ahead of Posey, who homered into the left-field bleachers.

"I feel like we've been needing the big hit," Posey said. "I'm just trying to get a run on the board. Getting four across was great."

A double, an infield fielding error and a walk set up Bumgarner's slam in the sixth against Stites. Bumgarner earlier hit one off Colorado's Jorge De La Rosa.

"We had a good conversation about how we were going to attack Bumgarner," Stites said. "I just missed my spot. He's been swinging it well all year."



## MLB



LM OTERO/AP

Los Angeles Angels' Chris Iannetta, right, slides safely into home plate scoring against Texas Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos, left, during the eighth inning on Sunday in Arlington, Texas. Iannetta scored on a double by Albert Pujols in the Angels' 10-7 win.

# Heart of Angels' order delivers to stop Rangers

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The middle of the Los Angeles Angels' batting order handled the Rangers' pitchers and the Texas beat.

On a 96-degree day, Los Angeles' 2-3-4 hitters — Mike Trout, Albert Pujols and Josh Hamilton — combined to go 7 for 13 with six runs batted in and two scored in the Angels' 10-7 win over Texas on Sunday.

Los Angeles took a five-game winning streak into the All-Star break. Texas (38-57) dropped its eighth straight and has the worst record in the majors.

"When those three guys in the middle are doing what they can do, you're going to be able to put some games away," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "It has to be more than them, and I think it is."

Every Angels starter had at least one of the team's 15 hits.

"That's a very relentless ballclub over there," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "Every time you make a mistake, they make you pay. Each inning we scored, except for one, they came back and answered."

"We've got to stop that stuff."

Trout, who will start in the All-Star game in the AL outfield, had two doubles and three RBIs. He sent three runs home by blooming a two-out double in the second in-



LM OTERO/AP

Los Angeles Angels' center fielder Mike Trout had 4 RBIs in the win over Texas on Sunday.

ning, and broke a 4-all tie with a double in the fourth. Trout walked and scored in the sixth.

Pujols was 3 for 5, including a double and an RBI.

Hamilton finished 2 for 4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. "We feed off each other," Hamilton said. "If one guy doesn't get the thing done, the next guy picks him up."

Trout's second-inning double followed a line out by Kole Calhoun. Pujols' run-scoring double in the eighth, that put Los Angeles ahead 9-7, followed a leadoff walk to Chris Iannetta and two outs.

The Angels, a major league-best 26-9 since June 6, swept a four-game series against Texas for the first time.

Winning pitcher Tyler Skaggs (5-5) left after giving up two singles to start the sixth. Both runners scored, leaving him with six earned runs allowed in five innings.

"The outing wasn't what I wanted," he said. "I threw some bad pitches 0 and 2, especially the one to (Alex) Rios."

The Angels had a 4-1 lead in the third inning before Rios lined a two-run double on a hanging curveball. He then scored to tie it as Adrian Beltre grounded out.

The game was halted briefly while medical personnel worked on a photographer who was treated for dehydration near the Angels dugout.

"You're playing in an oven," Skaggs said. "I was trying to hydrate as much as possible. It was almost unbearable."

Joe Smith pitched a perfect ninth inning for his 15th save in 19 opportunities. He set an Angels record with his 10th consecutive appearance of at least an inning without allowing a hit. He is 1-0 with eight saves in July.

Scioscia wouldn't commit to Smith being Los Angeles' closer.

"I still believe it's important for us to deepen the pool of guys to hold leads for us," he said.

Scott Baker (0-3) lost in his fourth start for Texas.

Rios drove in three runs for the Rangers.

## AL roundup

# Gomes' 2-run HR gives Indians win

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Yan Gomes made sure the Indians went into the All-Star break on a positive note.

Gomes drove in all three runs, including a go-ahead two-run homer in

the eighth inning, and Cleveland rallied for a 3-2 win over the Chicago White Sox on Sunday.

Gomes' blast to right off Javy Guerra (0-2) came after

the White Sox scored two runs in top of the inning to take a 2-1 lead. Nick Swisher led off with a single before Gomes, who also had an RBI single in the second, hit a 1-1 pitch into Chicago's bullpen.

Gomes, who threw his arms in the air as he rounded first base after his 12th homer of the season, wasn't trying to do anything dramatic.

"I was just trying to do the same thing Swiss did, and just get a hit," he said. "I definitely wasn't thinking about doing hitting a homer."

"I'm thrilled for him, because he was a little under the weather today, but he didn't want to come out of the game," Indians manager Terry Francona said.

Guerra admitted he didn't make a good pitch.

"A slider, came out, wasn't a very good one," he said. "(Gomes) did what he was supposed to. Broken-bat base hit to left, next guy hits a homer. It's just bad luck. Bad inning."

Bryan Shaw (4-1) allowed two runs in the top of the eighth. Cody Allen pitched the ninth for his 12th save, striking out the final two hitters.

Trevor Bauer struck out a career-high 10 in 6 2/3 scoreless innings for Cleveland.

Gordon Beckham's RBI single tied the game before Leury

Garcia's hit to center put Chicago ahead, but the White Sox couldn't hold the lead for their fourth loss in five games.

The Indians head into the All-Star break with a 47-47 record.

"I wish our record was better, but in the next two months, if we play good baseball it's going to be very exciting," Francona said. "It's in front of us now and if we can play well, we can climb back into it and play relevant games at the end."

John Danks allowed one run in seven innings.

The White Sox threatened throughout the game, but didn't score until the eighth. Conor Gillaspie singled with one out, took second on a wild pitch and scored on Beckham's single.

**Orioles 3, Yankees 1 (4 1/2, rain):** Chris Davis hit a two-run homer to break a strong pitching effort by Kevin Gausman as host Baltimore beat New York in a game stopped early by rain.

The Orioles scored all their runs in the fourth inning and Gausman (4-2) got three straight outs in the fifth. After Steve Pearce drew a walk in the bottom half, the rain came. The game was finally called after a delay of 2 hours, 22 minutes.

**Red Sox 11, Astros 0:** Clay Buchholz (4-5) allowed three hits and struck out a career-high 12 in his fifth career shutout in visiting Boston's rout of Houston.

**Rays 3, Blue Jays 0:** All-Star David Price scattered five hits in eight-plus innings to win his fourth consecutive start as host Tampa Bay beat Toronto.

**Royals 5, Tigers 2:** Eric Hosmer's RBI double capped a five-run seventh inning as host Kansas City avoided a four-game sweep with a victory over Detroit.

Four of the runs were charged to Justin Verlander (8-8), who gave up six hits in 6 1/3 innings, struck out three and walked one.

**Athletics 4, Mariners 1:** Sonny Gray limited Seattle to six hits and one unearned run in Oakland's victory over host Seattle.



MARK DUNCAN/AP

Cleveland's Ryan Raburn, center, looks toward White Sox catcher Tyler Flowers as he scores on a single by Gordon Beckham in front of umpire Dan Iassogna in the second inning on Sunday in Cleveland. Gomes later hit a two-run homer as the Indians won 3-2.

MLB



Los Angeles Angels center fielder Mike Trout will have some competition in the American League MVP race from Toronto's Jose Bautista and Baltimore's duo of Adam Jones and Nelson Cruz.

HARRY E. WALKER/MCT

# Third time a charm?

## Angels CF Trout making another bid for MVP

— while still excellent — have come down out of the stratosphere.

Trout will still have some competition in the American League MVP race. Toronto's Jose Bautista could end up with big numbers if he stays healthy, and Baltimore's Adam Jones and Nelson Cruz have led the Orioles to the top of the AL East — although those two may take votes away from each other.

The fact that the Angels missed the playoffs the past two years worked against Trout in the MVP discussion.

Now, Los Angeles has reached the break with the second-best record in baseball.

Here are five other award races to watch in the second half.

**1 NL MVP:** As long as he isn't traded to the American League, Colorado's Troy Tulowitzki figures to be a front-runner in this race. His .345 average, 21 home runs and 52 RBIs call to mind Alex

Rodriguez in his prime.

If the Rockies' poor record costs Tulowitzki, look for Milwaukee catcher Jonathan Lucroy to emerge as one of the more out-of-nowhere MVP candidates in recent memory. Giancarlo Stanton of Miami is another possibility.

The trio of star pitchers in the National League — Clayton Kershaw of Los Angeles, Adam Wainwright of St. Louis and Johnny Cueto of Cincinnati — may have cases as well. More on them later.

**2 AL Cy Young:** Felix Hernandez of Seattle looks like the clear favorite here after the injury to New York's Masahiro Tanaka. Yu Darvish of Texas and Chris Sale of Chicago could also end up in the mix, and if you're looking for a longshot, how about Scott Kazmir of Oakland? The 30-year-old left-hander is 11-3 with a 2.38 ERA.

**3 NL Cy Young:** Kershaw missed over a month with an injury, and it almost doesn't matter. With a 1.78 ERA at the break — and a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 126 to 13 — the Los Angeles lefty has set the bar awfully high for the rest of the league.

But Wainwright (12-4 with a 1.83 ERA) and Cueto (10-6, 2.13) are right there with Kershaw.

By NOAH TRISTER  
The Associated Press

**M**ike Trout entered the All-Star break in style.

The Los Angeles outfielder had eight hits and nine RBIs as the surging Angels swept a four-game series at Texas. Trout is now hitting .310 with 22 home runs, 73 RBIs and 10 steals, and the Angels have won 19 of 23.

"We're playing good right now, and that's all that matters," Trout said. "We are pitching good and our timely hitting has been awesome. The team chemistry is unbelievable. We all love each other and we all pick each other up."

The Angels are now just 1½ games behind first-place Oakland in the AL West, and Trout has a good chance to play in the postseason for the first time in his young career. This could also be the year he picks up his first MVP award after earning plenty of support in 2012 and 2013.

Miguel Cabrera of Detroit won it both those seasons, but his offensive numbers



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

Colorado Rockies' Troy Tulowitzki

**Stat of the week**

Colorado's **Troy Tulowitzki** brings a major league-leading OPS of 1.048 into the All-Star break. According to STATS, only four shortstops have finished a season over 1.000 since 1900: Alex Rodriguez, Nomar Wagner, Arky Vaughan and Nomar Garciaparra.

**4 AL Rookie of the Year:** Tanaka's injury also affects this race, giving Chicago slugger Jose Abreu the inside track. Kansas City right-hander Yordano Ventura and Houston outfielder George Springer could still make it interesting.

**5 NL Rookie of the Year:** Cincinnati's Billy Hamilton is hitting just well enough to put his speed to good use on the bases, and shortstop Chris Owings has been a mild bright spot amid a terrible season with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Right-hander Jesse Hahn is off to a fine start in San Diego, and after a late start, Pittsburgh outfielder Gregory Polanco has already shown he can get on base.



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# A bitter ending despite the Golden Ball



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Germany's Manuel Neuer, left, winner of the Golden Glove award for best goalkeeper, stands with Argentina's Lionel Messi, winner of the Golden Ball award as the tournament's top player, after the final between Germany and Argentina in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday. Germany won the match 1-0.

## Messi was best player, but still couldn't carry Argentina to title

By KARL RITTER  
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Lionel Messi's final act in the 2014 World Cup was lifting a free kick high over the bar, wasting Argentina's last chance to equalize in the final against Germany.

It was far from a fitting finish for the four-time world player of the year.

This was supposed to be Messi's World Cup, just like the 1986 tournament belonged to another Argentine great, Diego Maradona.

But after carrying his team through the group stage in Brazil with four goals, Messi seemed to run out of steam.

In the final Sunday, he created chances but, like the rest of the team, lacked the finishing touch to turn the game for Argentina.

He was a picture of disappointment after the 1-0 loss as he collected the trophy for the tournament's best player.

"I think he deserves it because he played an extraordinary role. He was the fundamental factor in the team," Argentina coach Alejandro Sabella said.

Messi has won everything there is to win with club team Barcelona, but many critics say he needs

a World Cup title to be considered among soccer's all-time greats.

"He's been there for quite a while already, in the pantheon of the greats," Sabella said, when asked to compare Messi with players like Maradona and Brazilian legend Pelé.

Messi stood out in an otherwise mediocre Argentine team in the group stage, scoring against Bosnia-Herzegovina and Iran and twice against Nigeria.

The free kick he curled inside Nigeria goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama's left post was a masterpiece. Then, game by game, Messi's influence started waning.

Against Switzerland he had little impact until extra time, when he drilled a hole in the Swiss defense and set up Angel Di Maria's winning goal. In the next game, against Belgium, he started the movement that resulted in Gonzalo Higuaín's first-half winner and helped Argentina keep possession as the Belgians tried to level the score.

Man-marked by Nigel de Jong, Messi struggled to find space in the semifinal win over the Netherlands, and besides a few runs and a shot, there are "fewer young promising players" in the country, and said that the confederation needs to "keep working" to make sure more appear in the future.

There are a few names already rumored to be the next coach, including Tite and Muricy Ramalho, who have been successful with local clubs in recent years. Ramalho is a four-time Brazilian champion, while Tite led Corinthians to the Club World Cup title in 2012. There is also talk in local media about international coaches, including Pep Guardiola, Jose Mourinho, and Chile's Argentine coach Jorge Sampaoli.

Regardless of the new coach, many of the players will be changing. Of the 23 players picked by Scalari for the home tournament, only seven will be younger than 30 in Russia — Neymar, Oscar, Marcelo, Luiz Gustavo, Paulinho, Willian and Bernard.

"It was disappointing in the end, but we have to remember that this generation has started a rebuilding process for 2018 with a fourth-place finish at the World Cup," Scalari noted.

Neymar, who will be 26 in Russia, will still be carrying the hopes of the national team for a sixth world title.

"This will hurt for a long time, but we know that better days will come," the 22-year-old striker said. "We have to do whatever possible to make sure we can make the Brazilian people happy again."

## Changes in store for Brazil after disastrous Cup

By TALES AZZONI  
The Associated Press

SAO PAULO — The World Cup held potential disaster for Brazil — the country, not the team.

Yet the country pulled off a magnificent tournament, albeit with a few bumps. It's the team that has left many Brazilians wondering what went horribly wrong.

The cup was widely seen as theirs for the taking, especially on home turf. They leave the Cup in fourth place with their star badly injured and the brutal memory of a 7-1 rout by the Germans in front of a global audience.

The most successful nation in World Cup history has been eliminated in three straight tournaments, enough to raise questions about whether it's doing the right things to keep up with countries that have dominated the sport in recent years.

It's already clear Brazil won't be the same after the home tournament.

A change in coach is almost certain, and new players will be joining Neymar and Oscar for the 2018 World Cup in Russia. Critics say bigger changes are needed, including in the local football confederation.

The resounding 7-1 loss to Germany, which embarrassed the nation, could become a turning point for the national team. The semifinal defeat has everyone thinking about the need to rebuild.

"We failed. We didn't play up to expectations, we know it wasn't a good tournament," said striker Neymar, who missed the last two matches because of a back injury. "We didn't play the kind of football that the Brazilian national team plays. It



THEMBA HADEBE/AP

Neymar should be a leader for Brazil for the 2018 World Cup in Russia, but a woeeful showing, especially after he was hurt, puts Brazil in a rebuilding mode.

was just regular, and that's why we still reached the semifinals, but it wasn't Brazilian football, not the kind of football that enchants everybody."

Brazil never displayed its traditional "Jogo Bonito," or "Beautiful Game," and ended the tournament with three wins, two draws and two losses, including 3-0 to the Netherlands in the third-place match on Saturday.

"Brazilian football has to evolve in general," right back Dani Alves said. "We can't discredit the work that has been done

by this team, but we have to find a way to start restructuring our football from the youth levels up."

The president of the Brazilian confederation, Jose Maria Marin, had said that losing the World Cup at home would be like "going to hell."

"We need to think football differently," said Brazilian coach Paulo Autuori, who led Sao Paulo to the Club World Cup title in 2005. "We need the Brazilian confederation in the hands of people from football. We need people in charge who can think football."

Marin, a former politician, is leaving the confederation next year and will be replaced by Sao Paulo state federation president Marco Paulo Del Nero. Both were politically linked to Ricardo Teixeira, who ruled the confederation for more than 20 years before resigning in 2012 citing medical reasons and amid a cloud of allegations of corruption and irregularities in his administration.

Del Nero had said he would like Scalari to stay as the head of the national team despite his failure to win the title at home, but Marin was expected to announce on Monday that the confederation will not keep the coach after the World Cup. Scalari had said it would be up to the confederation to decide whether he would continue.

Scalari was picked to lead the 2014 team mostly because of his popularity and experience from the 2002 title, but many critics said he was outdated as a coach. Before rejoining the national team, the coach was relegated in the Brazilian league with Palmeiras.

"We should thank him, but we need to

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MARTIN MEISSNER/AP

Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger and head coach Joachim Loew embrace after the World Cup final Sunday at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro. Germany won the match 1-0.

# Title caps 10-year project for Germany coach Loew

By NESHA STARCEVIC  
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — The World Cup title for Joachim Loew and his "golden generation" crowned a process that was 10 years in the making. With a talented crop of new players coming through, the future looks bright for Germany.

The 1-0 victory over Argentina at the Maracana that gave Germany its fourth title and made it the first European team to win the championship on South American soil completed a circle for Loew that began in 2004, when he became Juergen Klinsmann's assistant.

The two friends began plotting how to bring the title back to Germany and rejuvenated the team, creating an attacking, entertaining style that pleased the eye and promised success.

Germany fell short at home in 2006, finishing third, and Klinsmann stepped down to leave Loew in charge. Loew's team reached the final of Euro 2008, finished third again at the 2010 World Cup and was a semifinalist at Euro 2012. With doubts growing whether Loew's Germany could ever become a champion, the team pulled off the historic run in Brazil, including a stunning 7-1 victory over the host in the semifinal.

"It was time," Loew said after the final. "It's the product of many years of work. And it's something for eternity."

**"We've been working for years on our own style. This title will be a shot in the arm for the future. We have players who are still very young and not many players over 30."**

Joachim Loew  
Germany head coach

A meticulous planner who leaves little to chance, Loew made risky decisions that turned out right. He gave key midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger time to slowly nurse himself back into the team after a series of injuries and Schweinsteiger was one of the heroes of the final. Loew reshuffled the defense when needed and returned his only true striker, Miroslav Klose, to the starting line-up.

"The coach has really deserved the title," Schweinsteiger said. "He managed to keep all players happy and that's incredible, to his credit. He really had the entire team behind him."

Forward Thomas Mueller, who led the team with five goals, said

he was pleased for Loew.

"I am happy for the coach, because he was always in the final or semifinal in recent years," Mueller said.

Midfielder Toni Kroos said the team trusted Loew and his decisions.

"We knew from day one that he has good vision and a very good feeling about whom and how to play," Kroos said. "He knew exactly what he was doing and had confidence in us."

As Germany returns home to celebrate with thousands of fans in Berlin, Loew might be contemplating his future. His contract runs through Euro 2018 and he has indicated he intends to stay.

"We've been working for years on our own style. This title will be a shot in the arm for the future. We have players who are still very young and not many players over 30," Loew said.

Mario Goetze, who scored the match winner in the final with superb control and technique, is 22 and at the start of a promising career. Marco Reus and Ilkay Gundogan missed the tournament with injuries but will be back. Kroos, Mesut Ozil, Andre Schuerle and Sami Khedira are all young, while Schweinsteiger and captain Philipp Lahm are still 30 or younger despite being in the team for 10 years or more.

"We have young players who can still achieve something in their careers," Loew said.

# Klose adds victory to scoring record

By GERALD IMRAY  
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Miroslav Klose has had a good week.

Tuesday: Become the World Cup's all-time leading scorer.

Sunday: Win the World Cup.

If the 36-year-old Klose does choose to retire now, it'll be with those two very big achievements. It didn't even matter to Klose that he was substituted in the 1-0 win over Argentina in the final at the Maracana Stadium. Klose came off for Mario Goetze, who went on to score Germany's title-clinching goal in extra time.

That meant Klose, playing at his fourth World Cup, finally got to lift the trophy after losing in the final in 2002 and the semifinals in 2010. He also got to be a World Cup winner five days after he scored his 16th goal at the tournament in the 7-1 semifinal victory over Brazil, overtaking Brazil's Ronaldo as the most successful striker at football's main event.

"It's simply overwhelming. This was the icing on the cake," Klose said soon after parading the glittering World Cup trophy around the Maracana with his teammates. "Simply world class. It was always my dream to get on the summit and look down. Incredible."

The Poland-born Klose is Germany's all-time leading scorer and has shone at every World Cup he's played.

He was the top scorer and



NATASHA PRISARENKO/AP

Miroslav Klose, 36, became the all-time leading World Cup scorer earlier in Brazil before finally hoisting his first trophy.

Golden Boot winner at the 2006 World Cup in Germany with five goals. Klose also scored five goals in his first World Cup, in 2002. He scored four at South Africa in 2010 and two this year in Brazil.

He may now call it quits with the German national team after a 13-year international career. But coach Joachim Loew did warn everyone not to jump to conclusions about the veteran forward giving up.

"Perhaps he will also be playing in four years' time. Everything is possible with him," Loew said.

# Schweinsteiger fights off injuries to play on

By NESHA STARCEVIC  
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Battered and bloodied, Bastian Schweinsteiger kept fighting. No Argentine tackle or foul would keep the German midfielder from lifting the World Cup trophy.

Schweinsteiger battled through the final and Germany won its fourth title with a 1-0 win over Argentina on Sunday at the Maracana.

The 29-year-old midfielder was twice let off the field to be treated, including once for a bloody cut to his face, but returned.

"We enjoyed the moment, it's incredible. Thank you Germany for all the support," Schweinsteiger said. "We could feel here how the country was behind us. It's an incredible performance. I've never seen the boys on the bench participating so much. That gave us a lot of energy, that's why we won the cup."

Schweinsteiger is one of the generation of German players who have been chasing the title for 10 years and who saw the Brazil tournament as probably their best. If not last — a chance to end their careers as World Cup champions.

With 108 matches for Germany, Schweinsteiger is one of the veterans on the team and one of its leaders. But he nearly missed the tournament.

He struggled throughout the season with an ankle injury that required surgery and later knee injury that put into doubt his fitness for the tournament.

Coach Joachim Loew decided to take him along although he missed a good part of the pre-tournament training camp. Schweinsteiger sat out the first match of the World Cup and was slowly nursed back into the team as his fitness improved during the tournament.

Schweinsteiger plays in the key position in front of the defense, working to intercept the opponent's attacks and then set Germany's counter-attacks into motions.

Loew calls him his team's "pacemaker."

With Toni Kroos struggling, it fell to Schweinsteiger to carry Germany's game, along with captain Philipp Lahm.

"All players gave it all they had," Loew said. "Schweinsteiger and Lahm were incredible, they probably gave more than ever in their careers."

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NATASHA PISARENKO/AP

Germany's Mario Goetze, left, scores the game-winning goal against Argentina's keeper Sergio Romero in the World Cup final Sunday in Rio de Janeiro. Germany won 1-0.

# Goetze's goal in extra time lifts Germany

## Sub lives up to expectations

By NESHA STARCEVIC  
The Associated Press

**RIO DE JANEIRO** — Mario Goetze lived up to the billing of being Germany's wunderkind by scoring the goal that ensured Germany became the first European team to win the World Cup title in South America.

Goetze came off the bench in the 88th minute and netted the winner in the 113th minute of the final against Argentina with a perfectly taken volley.

Andre Schuerle, another substitute, broke away down the left flank, outstripped tiring Argentine defenders and sent a cross into the penalty area. Goetze controlled the ball with his chest perfectly as he ran and from five yards fired a left-foot volley from an acute angle inside the far post.

"It's an unbelievable feeling. I don't know how to describe it. You just shoot that ball in, you don't really know what's happening," Goetze said.

"And then at the end of the match, having a party with the team, the whole country ... it is for us, a dream come true. As I said, it's an indescribable moment. We, I think, deserve this trophy." Goetze began the tournament in Germany's starting lineup but



VICTOR R. CAVANGO/AP

**Germany's Mario Goetze came off the bench in the 88th minute and scored the game-winner in extra time against Argentina.**

was relegated to the bench when coach Joachim Loew decided to use his only true striker Miroslav Klose. Klose started Sunday before being replaced by Goetze.

Goetze has always had the potential to be one of Germany's brightest stars.

"He is a wunderkind, with immense skill," Loew said.

The 22-year-old Bayern Munich midfielder was voted the man of the match in this final and also took the same honor in Germany's 2-2 draw with Ghana in the group stage when he scored his other goal of the tournament.

He appeared in six of Germany's seven matches in the tournament, sitting out the 7-1 semifinal rout of host Brazil.

Goetze made his debut for Germany in 2010, when he was 18, making him the country's youngest international since 1954.

## Fourth title ends string of near misses since 1996

By MATTIAS KAREN  
The Associated Press

**RIO DE JANEIRO** — Mario Goetze produced the piece of individual skill that Lionel Messi couldn't muster.

With two quick, deft touches, Goetze ended Germany's 24-year wait for another World Cup title — and denied Messi the one title he needs to forever take his place among the game's all-time greats.

Goetze scored the winning goal in extra time to give Germany a 1-0 victory over Argentina on Sunday in a tight and tense World Cup final that was decided by one moment of brilliance.

Goetze, who wasn't born when West Germany beat Argentina in the 1990 final, controlled a cross with his chest in the 113th minute and in one fluid motion volleyed the ball past goalkeeper Sergio Romero and inside the far post from five yards out.

It was a goal that gave Germany its fourth World Cup title, equal second with Italy on the list of all-time champions and just behind Brazil's five.

At the final whistle, German players fell into a pile in the middle of the pitch. Messi walked past them with his hands on his hips — still in the shadow of his compatriot Diego Maradona, who led his country to the 1986 title.

Goetze went on as a substitute

**'I said to Mario Goetze 'OK, show to the world that you're better than Messi and you can decide the World Cup'.'**

Joachim Loew  
Germany coach

for Miroslav Klose toward the end of regulation time and his fresh legs made the difference.

According to Germany coach Joachim Loew, it was exactly as he'd planned when he made the substitution.

"I said to Mario Goetze, 'OK, show to the world that you're better than Messi and you can decide the World Cup. You have all the possibilities to do that,'" Loew said. "I had a good feeling with him."

Germany became the first European team to win a World Cup in the Americas, and the victory ends a string of near misses since winning its last major title at the 1996 European Championship. The team lost the 2002 World Cup final to Brazil, the Euro 2008 final to Spain and was eliminated in the semifinals in both 2006 and 2010.

Argentina had not been back in the final since that 1990 loss, and has now been beaten by Germany in the last three World Cups.

"This was our chance, and we felt that way. We couldn't do it. We have to lift our heads and suffer

the pain," Argentina midfielder Javier Mascherano said. "Obviously, the pain is tremendous."

It is Germany's first World Cup title as a unified nation, having won as West Germany in 1954, 1974 and 1990.

The Germans faced Argentina in both the 1986 and 1990 finals. This time, they were up against Messi, the four-time world player of the year who has set a slew of scoring records in leading Barcelona to every major club title and is widely considered the best player since Maradona.

But in the biggest game of his career, Messi came up short.

He had one good chance to score when he was sent free in the area just after the halftime break, but sent his shot wide.

Messi, who scored four goals in the group stage but none in the knockout rounds, then had to trudge up the stairs to accept the Golden Ball award for the tournament's best player, shaking hands with German Chancellor Angela Merkel along the way.



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# On top of the World



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Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger holds up the World Cup trophy Sunday as his team celebrates its 1-0 championship victory over Argentina in Rio de Janeiro.

## Germany stops Messi, Argentina for first Cup title since 1990

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